

Harold Bank
APO 31
31st. MP Co.
Camp Blanding, Fla.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th. St.
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Dear Mother and Daddy:

June 3, 1941

I got back at 12PM Sun. nite, and had a wonderful time. Bert has an easy job, and a lot of good friends there. They really showed me a good time while I was there. We went swimming ~~two~~ afternoons. I didn't go flying in an airplane. I don't know when I will get to go home again, maybe this month. It is getting hot here. So write for a change, and I hope business is getting good.

Love, Harold

H. BANK
SIGMA ALPHA MU
TAU CHAPTER
STADIUM DRIVE
UNIVERSITY, ALABAMA

APR-31
31ST MP CO,
RAGLEY, LA.

MR. SAM BANK
C/O ARMY STORE
TUSCALOOSA,
ALA.



Aug. 31 '41

Dearaddy:

I still didn't hear from mother. When is she coming home? Why don't they write me?

I am enclosing a letter to send with that bill to: WM. BURDICK, STATE FARM AUTO INS. CO., ST. JAMES BLOC., JACKSONVILLE, FLA. Send it today.

I was in depot last night, and it was too crowded.

addy, please send me aunt Anna's address in N.Y. the best you know. What is the name of her boarding house?

Hope all is well, and me are not working much now, or yet. Write more often.

Love,

Harold

P.S. - Don't forget to send the coats & "Unkle John's" little suitcase right away!

SURPLUS GOODS CO.

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JACKSONVILLE WAREHOUSE 332-34-36 EAST FORSYTH ST.

TELEPHONE 3-1530

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

August 2, 1941 .

Mr. Sam Bank,
The Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your postal card just received, a gross of those Laces amounts to only 50¢, and the writer entered up an order for same and sent it to the shipping department.

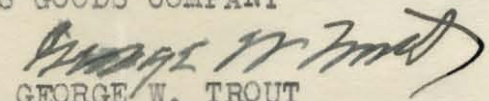
They handed the order back to me with a statement that the young man who helped to get out that order said he counted them out himself and wrapped them up and handed them to your son and told him to put them in the car.

Now, if you take the matter up with him and check over again you may be able to locate them. If not let us hear from you.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,

SURPLUS GOODS COMPANY


GEORGE W. TROUT
PRESIDENT.

GWT/W

H. Bank
APO-3/
3/STAMP Co.
Rogers, LA.



Mr. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Aug. 17/1917 Son.

Dear Daddy;

Got the dear from you. I wasn't able to come to N.O. Labor Day. She's sick, on Sept. 5, Fri. morning, I want you to send me a telegram telling me to come home, as Mother is sick. If I went to N.O. to meet you, they would know she isn't sick still? So I hope you don't go to N.O., as you can have a nice time there. But don't plan on seeing me as I don't know where we will be moving in there. I suggest you go somewhere near home. When is Aunt Anna coming back to N.O.? Let me know her address in N.O. anyway. So can't we out of the N.O. trip, or I'll tell you the 5th or 6th anyway. I feel mosquitoes on my bed, but we have a mosquito bar. It's very hot here.

Don't mention the N.O. trip again on a postcard! Hope Mother don't worry too much. Write soon! Don't forget to send the telegram Fri. morning, Sept. 5, early in the day.
Love,
Harold

26 WORLD WAR MEMORIAL, MEMORIAL PARK, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.



Shes &addy: aug. 29/98/

We're on a 8 day monner
in the woods now, and
it's tough, & hot. Horse
tamed in a week. Red-
lungs hits a lot. We go
back to base camp mon-
for a few days. Hope
all are well, and write
soon.

Love,
Harold

GENUINE CURTEICH-CHICAGO "C.T. ART-COLOR-TONE" POST CARD (REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.)



POST CARD

Mr. Sam Banks
Army Store,
Tuscoloosa,
Ala.

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31st St. Co.

RAULEY, LA.



Mr. Sam Bank
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Tuculosa, Ala.



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THE ROOSEVELT

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300 OUTSIDE ROOMS

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JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

Sept. 9, 1941

Dear Dotty;

Why haven't I heard from you in so long? I sent you a wire Monday. I didn't know school was postponed a week. So if you haven't already sent the wire when you received this letter, don't send it till this Friday, Sept. 13. I hope all is well. The week is working over, in about 10 days we start back to school.

So if I don't hear from you today, Tuesday, I'll expect the

will sometimes Friday. If you
 have already sent it, I'll come
 on home when I receive it. So
 get the card out, put it on
 signboards, and I'll see you
 soon!

Love -
 Harold

P. K. Yonge Laboratory School, University of Florida,
Gainesville, Florida

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P. K. YONGE LABORATORY SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Erected in 1933, the \$350,000 Laboratory School of the University of Florida was named in memory of one of the state's educational leaders for many years, P. K. Yonge, of Pensacola. Here the University is conducting an extensive program in educational research and maintains a laboratory school from the kindergarten to the 12th grade.

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Hi Mr. Bob:

I saw a f. Fla. play
Villanova last night.
It was a good game. Most
Rosen came through here
this morning going to Sav.
Jim Schenk didn't show
up, as usual. He didn't
let me know anything till
yesterday! Love, Bob

Mr. Sam Bank
Army Store
Tuscaloosa,
Ala.

The Singing Tower in Peaceful Mountain Lake Sanctuary, Lake Wales, Fla.

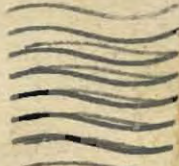


Co. IT, 167th INF.

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Dearaddy: I changed
back to the infantry
yesterday & like it better.
Please find out how much
a toy for the car will cost
then I let me know right
away. notice my new address.
Love, Harold



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POST CARD

Mr. Sam Bank
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De Soto Beach Hotel Villas and Cabanas, Savannah Beach, Ga.



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2 eddy:

Had car trouble with
the car, spent 8
hours; cost 7.75, got
here 2 PM Wed. after
noon. We're moving det 29.
new address is: APO-3,
Co. H, 167th Inf, Camp Jackson, S. C.
Lowl, Harold

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Dear Daddy: none.

I saw Leonard yesterday.
We're leaving Wed. my
address will be: APO-3/
Co. H, 16 DTH INF, FORT JACKSON, S.C.

The car runs perfect since I
had the radiator cleaned out. I hope
it'll hold out for a while! Why didn't
you let Bert sell the car?

Love, Harold



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Army Street,
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Tell me his address!
I'm going 56 miles to
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DEAR DADDY & MOTHER:

I WAS IN COLUMBIA ALL WEEKEND,
AND ONLY SPENT \$1.80. THE PEOPLE
THERE ARE WONDERFUL. THEY TOOK
ME OUT TO EVERY MEAL, AND MAKE
ME SLEEP IN THE HOME. IT WAS VERY
COLD HERE LAST NIGHT. IT IS ALSO
RIGHT IN THE DAYTIME, BUT COLD
AT NIGHT. PLEASE WRITE ME THE
NAMES OF THE PEOPLE YOU KNOW
IN COLUMBIA, FAYETTEVILLE, AND
CHARLOTTE, N.C. SEND ME BERT'S
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The Lounge. This spacious lounge, extending across the entire front of the hotel building, is immediately joining the main lobby. This gives an idea of the spacious lines along which the Roosevelt was built, and which lends so much to its atmosphere of gracious hospitality.

CHARLIE GRINER, *Manager*

DEAR DADDY: TUES. NOV. 12

WE JUST GOT BACK FROM A

PROBLEM. IT IS VERY COLD HERE.

BE SURE AND SEND ME ALL OF BERT'S MAIL. I DIDN'T GET PAID THIS MONTH, BECAUSE OF AN ERROR OF THE CO. CLERK. I WILL SEND YOU SOME MONEY THIS MONTH FOR SURE. HOW ABOUT THAT CAKE? I AM FINE, AND DANDY. PLEASE WRITE MORE OFTEN.

LOVE, HAROLD

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Co. K, 167th Inf.
Personnel Section,
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Mr. Sam Bank
Army
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

N^v. 14, 1941

Dear Daddy:

I am now staying up at Regimental Hdq., with the company clerks, and I don't have to go out on maneuvers and walk my head off. The boys left here yesterday, and will be gone a few days. It is cold here at night, and warm in the day time. I went into town and took a hot bath, for a change lastnight. Most of the boys don't get to take a bath but once every week or two.

Daddy, I am going to Roanoke, Va. next Wed. or Thur., and I need Uncle Jake's little handbag, and my green striped suit, and 3 white shirts, and 2 ties. Please send it to me the day you get this letter, as I want to get it ready to wear. I'll clamp it here. I believe it would be quicker to send it by express, don't you? Send it the quickest way possible.

Did you hear from Bert lately? If so, please send me the letter. I have not heard from him yet.

The big maneuvers start Monday, and they will last for 2 weeks, except for a Thanksgiving holliday. We celebrate our thanksgiving the 20th instead of the 27th like in Alabama.

Please write soon.

Love, Harold

please notice address, with the Personnel Section on it!

Harold Bank

APO 31

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Personnel Section,

Ft. Jackson, S.C.



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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Dear Daddy: Thur. Nov. 20, 1941

Please go to the Postoffice and send a tracer after the package, as I haven't gotten it yet. They will try to trace it from there. I can't understand it, as I get all of your mail, but no package. It is warm here for the last 3 or 4 days, and I like a lot better. It looks like rain today. We have to work right on through Thanksgiving, just like any other day, and the boys are still fighting today. We will get our big dinner Sunday. So far, since I have been here with the Regimental Headquarters, the food has been terrible, and not enough of it. I eat in town a lot. So write soon.

Love, Harold

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Ft. Jackson, S. C.



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Army Store, Enterprises #III
Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Dear Daddy:

Nov. 20, 1941

ON MANEUVERS

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Dear Mr.
Rosalia and her folks
are real wonderful to
me. I like it here,
lots to learn. I really
love a beautiful home.
Write soon!

Love,

Harold

Mr. Sam Banks
Army 5 tons,
I understand,
also.

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Mr. Sam Bank,
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Dear Daddy :

Nov. 26, 1941 **ON MANEUVERS**

It has been real cold this week, and we have been nothing but staying in and working. There is really not much to do, now that is nearly the end of the month. I'll have plenty to do when we get back to camp. I have been playing a lot of bridge lately. I am going to get 15 days off for Xmas, starting Dec. 28. I could come on Dec. 13, but I would rather come on the later date. We will leave here on this coming Sat. or Monday. I really will be glad to come back to Fla. I don't like living in the woods. I got the handbag, but not the box of cake. I hope you went to the postoffice and sent a tracer for it. Did you have it insured? I hope so! Better look into it right away. I am feeling well, and hope you got rid of the cold by now, and Mother too. Have you heard from Bert lately? Don't forget to send me his letters. I heard from Lottie and she is well too. Write soon, and I will answer more later. Love, Harold

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RED CROSS
ROLL CALL
JOHN



Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Dear Daddy:

Nov. 28, 1941

ON MANEUVERS

I got your card today, and was glad to hear from you. I didn't get a promotion as yet. I'll let you know when I do. It won't be in any paper. I don't know when it will come. I believe I will be out of the army in April. I have been playing a lot of bridge today. I saw a good show last night, "Tom, Dick, and Harry". It was swell. It has been warm today. I still didn't get the box. I hope the tracer finds it forme. I need it. They have been feeding us terrible up here. We are leaving here Monday, I think. I hope so anyway. I am tired of it here. I will be home about the 28th of Dec. for 15 days. You write me at Blanding, Fla. next, as we will be there next Tues. nite. Write soon, and send me Bert's mail, and send him my cards.

Love, Harold

~~WAR DEPARTMENT~~

Harold Bank, APO 31, Co. K, 167th Inf.

Camp Blanding, Fla.

~~OFFICIAL BUSINESS~~

Mr. Sam Bank,
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Tuscaloosa, Ala.

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$200

Dear Daddy;

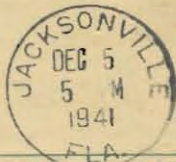
Just a word to ask you if you had heard from Bert lately. I haven't since Thursday. I sure hated to see war in the Phil. but he is so far back of the front lines, it won't bother him much. I doubt if he even gets to hear the big guns.

Daddy, there is a shortage of transportation here at camp for the boys going home. The car is running perfect, and I got 2 new tires for those 2 that went bad. I now have 4 new tires. If I can get \$150.00 for taking 5 boys to New York, I am going to take them there. I figure it will cost me about \$50.00 to make the trip, and I will make a few dollars, and then it will be a chance to see the big city I have always wanted to see. I don't know if I will go the first serial, or the 2nd as I had already planned. I think it will be a wonderful trip. I wouldn't do it, but there won't be anybody at school during the holidays, and I won't have anything to do there. So I might as well take the opportunity now. What do you think of it? Let me know by return mail!

I am feeling fine and doing well. I was in Jax this weekend, and didn't go to Dothan, because I couldn't get the load of boys I had planned on. Write soon and let me know the news. I saw the clipping about Bert.

Love, Harold

HAROLD BANK
APO 31
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BUY
DEFENSE SAVIN
BONDS AND STAM



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DEAR DADDY: I HEARD FROM BERT YESTERDAY, DEC. 4/41
AND HE IS IN THE PHILL. NOW AND LIKES IT ABRIGHT.

ON MANEUVERS

HE IS DOING FINE THERE. THE CO. CL ERK CAME BACK TO
THE COMPANY MOND. AND TOOK OVER HIS JOB AGAIN, SO
THAT PUT ME BACK TO ASSISTANT MAIN. I DIDN'T GET THE
PROMOTION I HAD HOPED, BUT I GOT TO BE A FIRST CLASS PRIVATE,
MONDAY, AND START DRAWING \$46.00 THIS MONTH. THAT IS BETTER THAN
NOTHING. HE ONLY DRAWS \$36.00 ! BERT SAID HE TALKED TO YOU ABOUT
ME AND THE ARMY, AND SAID TO ASK YOU ABOUT IT. SO TELL ME IN A
LETTER THIS WEEK, AND NOT IN A CARD. WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT ?
WE GOT HERE TUES. NITE, AND LEFT THERE MON. MORN, AND SPENT THE
NIGHT IN SWAINSBORO, GA. WE HAD A NICE TRIP HOME. I WILL BE HOME
DEC. 28. FOR 15 DAYS. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A BUSINESS TRIP
TO CHICAGO TO BUY SOME GOODS THE WEEK AFTER XMAS? I WOULD LIKE TO
GO. MOTHER COULD STAY IN THE STORE. LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK
OF THIS IDEA? WRITE SOON, AND TELL ME ALL THE NEWS.
I'M GOING TO DOTHAN, ALA. SAT. AT 12 NOON, HAVE, HAROLD
TO TAKE A LOAD OF BOYS, AND WILL STAY WITH THE BENDER'S IF THEY
ASK ME TO. I WILL COME BACK SUN. NITE. IT IS 250 MILES.

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DEAR DADDY:

ON MANEUVERS

I GOT THE BOX ALRIGHT. IT WAS UP IN THE FRONT
LINES WITH RE ~~FRONT~~ THE TROOPS, AND I DIDN'T SEE
SEE THEM FOR 3 WEEKS. THE CAKE WAS ALRIGHT THOUGH,

AND THE CAKE WAS NOT EVEN BROKEN, NEITHER WAS THE CHOCOLATE.

I REALLY ENJOYED IT. I HOPE YOU WILL SEND ME A NICE BOX
IN TIME FOR XMAS. THE WEEK BEFORE WILL BE FINE, AS I PROBABLY
WILL GO SOMEWHERE XMAS. I AM LEAVING HERE DEC. 28. WHAT DO
YOU THINK OF A RIP TO CHICAGO TO BUY SOME GOODS THE WEEK AFTER
XMAS? I WOULD LIKE TO GO ! WOULD YOU? I HOPE BUSINESS IS GOOD,
AND BETTER. WRITE SOON.

LOVE, HAROLD

Harold Bank
APO 31
Co. K, 167th Inf.
Camp Blanding, Fla.



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Mr. Samuel I. Bank, Sole Prop. of
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Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Dear Daddy:

Dec. 10, 1941

ON MANEUVERS

I got the notice of a package in the P.O., so I guess it is the food you sent me. Daddy, why do you worry somuch? it won't help any! I know Bert will be alright, because they have too good a defense and men and planes and guns over there to worry about. Anyway he is 100 miles inland, now, where the planes haven't and probably won't even get to him and the office he is in. So stop worrying. I won't be able to leave the 12th, as you asked, because I have already signed for the 28th, and the other clerk is leaving tomorrow night. So that lets that out. I still don't know if I will go to N.Y. or not. I am still planning on going there, if nothing happens to cancel our furloughs. They may get canceled at any time, but I doubt it. So write me often, let me know the news, and be sure and write Bert often too, as he probably don't have much time to write. Write often.

Love, Harold

~~WAR DEPARTMENT~~
Harold Bank, Co. K, 167th Inf.

Apo 31, Camp Blanding, Fla.

~~OFFICIAL BUSINESS~~
Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Dec. 10, 1941

Dear Daddy:

I got your letter yesterday, and was glad to hear from you. I also got the letter from Bert from you and one from Lottie too. I left the letter in my tent, but will send it to you immediately. Be sure and keep all of them.

We started a blackout of the whole camp last night. There are absolutely no lights in camp at night. Bert said he was going to move 100 miles from Fort McKinley. I wonder where he went. I guess he went further inland, to get away from the attack. I hope so, anyway. I don't see why you are doing so much worrying. It don't help any at all. What is going to be, is going to be, and worrying won't stop it. So don't worry anymore.

They won't let us go out of camp this week. They are sending men all over the state to guard all the bridges and vital points of defense here. It wouldn't surprise me if we didn't move out to somewhere soon ourselves. I hope not though. All is a stir around here now, just like the war is here in Florida.

I will be expecting the box of food this week! Or will it be next week? They are working as clerks day and night, and it is really tough, but I really like the work. The co. commander told me this morning that I would probably get a Corporal's rating on Jan. 1; that pays me \$64.00. I sure hope I get it. I can use the money.

I am still thinking of going to New York on my furlough. I hope I can get the boys to go. I will go to Chicago if you want to go the week after Xmas to buy goods. Let me know if you want to go, and I will come home on the 28th of Dec., instead of going to N.Y. I don't want to come home and just lay around there doing nothing. The boys from school will be gone, and there will be nothing to do. Please write me a letter this week, and tell me what Bert talked to you about me and the Army. You can write in a letter, and nobody will read it. So tell me in your next letter. I am going to write Bert a long letter again today. You ought to write him a letter at least twice a week. What ever did Foots Clements do about working on his transfer back to the States? Did he ever do anything about it? You ought to keep pushing him to work on it.

Well, I have to make out next month's payroll, now, so be good, and don't win too much money on poker, and tell all the folks, cats, and neighbors hello, and nectucutug! Stop worrying;; I don't worry, so why should you? Write soon!

Love, Harold



Harold Bank, APO 31, Co. K, 167th Inf.

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CHARLIE GRINER, *Manager*

Dear Daddy: I don't know if I will go to N.Y. or not as yet. I will let you know as soon as I find out. I got the letter from Lottie today of Bert's. I hope Bert is alright, and let me know of any news of him, or where he is as soon as you find out! I have a cold today, and it is cold here. Write soon. Love, "Harold"



Post Card



Mr. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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Dear Daddy:

I got the letters today and was glad to day, and was glad to hear from Bert. I know he will be alright. Ft. McKinley is not much in the firing line, now, and when the firing is going on, they move the Officers and offices to an undisclosed spot, so as not to burn the records. So I guess Bert is alright.

I am sending the letters back, and I want you to be sure and keep them all on file so as not to lose any of them. Put them together in a box. Please keep me posted on the news at all times.

The first serial of furloughs are supposed to leave tonight, but I don't know as yet whether they will be canceled or not. I sure hope not.

Write soon, and let me know the news.

Love,

Harold

P.S. The furloughs have just been cut to 10 days. I think I'll take mine Dec. 22 to Jan. 1. How's that? So I guess I'll come home instead of N.Y.!!

Harold Bank, PFC
Co. K 167th Inf.

APO 31
Camp Landing, Florida



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Samuel I. Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Dear Daddy and Mother:

ON MANEUVERS

I got your letter today, and am answering it today. I don't see why you and Mother worry so much. It don't help at all. I don't worry, because I know how the administration officers stay and live during wartime. They keep them well hid from airplanes, because they are very vital to the defense. So if you want to keep on worrying, don't try to get me to worry, because I won't. There is no use in it. The furloughs have been cut again, and I won't get but 8 days this time, and it will be from Dec. 28 to the Jan. 4, 1942. So look for me home in the early morning of Dec. 27, probably about 11AM. Let me know at once of any word from Bert. I am not going to New York this time I guess. Maybe next time. I have been working late everynite this week till 12 PM. I am really tired and weary. This job is not as easy as I thought. Write soon, Harold

Harold Bank, APO 31
Co K 167th Inf. (R)
Camp Blanding, Ia.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Dear Daddy:

Dec. 15/41 Mon.

ON MANEUVERS

I got the box and was glad to get it. I got Bert's typewriter yesterday too. That was the best box I ever got. I was glad to see the telegram too. I know that Bert is alright, and they won't have much trouble there from now on. We have all under control. I got a letter from Lottie yesterday. I sure have a nice present ~~for~~ for Lottie. Just wait till you see it. I will be home Dec. 28 till Jan 4th. That is the only time I could come home. It is warm here now, and beautiful weather. We are working hard on the books now. I was in Jax Sat. nite, and saw Mrs. Metzger. She is a wonderful woman, and has really been nice to me. They opened the new Diana shop a few weeks ago, on the main corner, and it is the most beautiful store I have ever seen. Write soon, and tell Mother to do a little worrying over me, instead of all over Bert. I deserve a little consideration too. Love, Harold
Don't make Lottie quit her job! Let her keep on working!

Harold Bank, APO 31, Co K 167th Inf.
Camp Blanding, Fla.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Dear Daddy: Dec. 17, 1941

ON MANEUVERS

I have been working all day, and late at night every nite this week, but I like it, and I'm tired now. It is cool here, and I got rid of my cold, and sure will be glad to get home Jan. 28. I didn't hear from Bert directly since the war started. Did you get a letter from him yet? If so, send it to me, as I'm anxious to hear from him also. I got a letter from Lottie the other day, and I wrote her yesterday. They won't let anyone go to town anymore, and it sure is hard to have to stay at home all the time. But the work here takes all of my time, and I don't get a chance to get lonesome. So be good, and tell me how business is now, and write soon.

Love, Harold

Harold ALA. APO 31
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.



ON MANEUVERS

Dear Daddy:

Dec. 19, 1941 11PM

I sure would like to get a box of food to eat
Xmas. Think you could do anything about it?

Love,
Harold

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Let me know if and when you got the package I sent home

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CHARLIE GRINER, *Manager*

Post Card

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Dear Daddy: Dec. 21, 1941

I just came back from a
good stage show they put on at
the service show, free, tonight
and it was very good. I really
enjoyed it. The church organiza-
tions in Jax put on shows here
2 or 3 times a week, and they are
good. Did you hear from Bert lately?
I didn't! It is warm here, and I
like it. They still won't let anyone
go to town, and I wish I could go. Love, Harold

Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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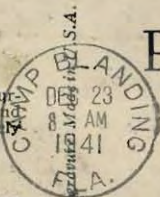
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Dear Daddy: Dec. 21, 1941.

I cannot go to town now to look up the folding cots in Jacksonville, Ala. If and when I can get to town, I will look up that man. Do you remember the name. I know where it is. Hear from Bert today? I didn't hear from him! It is warm just like summer or spring here today. I will be home this Sunday afternoon, probably about 7PM. I will leave here about 5AM Sun. morning. Love, Harold, Merry Xmas!

Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.



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CHARLIE GRINER, *Manager*

Post Card

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Dear Daddy: Dec. 24, 1941

I got the box today, and thanks a million, as it was wonderful. I sure ate enough of it today. We got notice to be on the alert from now on to move out at a moment's notice for somewhere in the South to guard something. I don't think we will move out for a few months yet, so I will keep you posted on where we will go! Write soon. It is raining a lot and warm here. Love, Harold

Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.



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Harold Bank,
APO 31,
Co. K, 167th Inf. (R)
Camp Blanding, Florida



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Dear Daddy:

Fri. Jan. 16/42

I got your card today. I am going to town tonight, first time since Tuesday night. I got a letter from Lottie Wednesday. I know you were glad to see Cousin Rae !????? The last time I saw Leanard he said he was going to be transferred to another place, being he had finished his school here, and I don't know if he is gone or not. He never writes me, nor answers my cards. It turned warm Tuesday, and I like it fine now. Hope everything is fine there, and I am good and dandy. I'm not working too hard, as usual. Hope by now you have heard from Bert. Let me know as soon as you hear from him. I believe he is on Corrigior Island with McArthur's men. Don't you. Wonder how long they can hole out against the Japs on the island. Write soon.

Love, Harold

Harold Bank,
APO 31, Co. K, 167th Inf. (R)
Camp Blanding, Florida



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Dear Daddy:

Sat. 11 PM

I just got your letter and card and I don't need anymore recommendation. Bill Bloom don't need to write to Gen. Persons, as I have the good recommendation of my commanding officer, and ~~it~~ will be up to the board of 3 men~~x~~. The General could help me, but he don't interfere with the board in any way. I don't need Billy Partlow's letter now. I got also one from Sen. Tucker today. I am writing him today to thank him and Foots too. Write soon.

Love, Harold

H. Bank, Co. K, 167th Inf. (R),
Camp Blanding, Fla. APO 31



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Dear Daddy:

We got back here Tuesday nite, and are leaving next Tuesday for Texas, where there I don't know. Keep writing me here till I tell you my next address. We are going to a camp out there, for what I don't know. I am going to call Mother in Cousin Ray's house Sat. nite, so if she is home by then, please have her and you call me Friday nite. If you don't call me here by Friday nite, I will know she is still in Bessemer, and I will call her Sat. nite there. I sure hate to leave, without coming home, first, but I cannot get off. I will have to store the car in Jax before I leave, and if you want to send or come down for it, I will tell you where it is. I will write more tomorrow when I have more time. Keep writing here at the same address till I send you my new one, and they will forward it to me. Did you go to Bessemer Sun.? Write soon.

Love, Harold



H. Bank, APO 31, Co. K, 167th Inf.
Camp Blanding, Fla.

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CHARLIE GRINER, Manager

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Dear Daddy: 1/5/42

I got back at 3AM, this morning, Army Store,
and had a good trip back, no trouble, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
and good luck. I stopped in Bessemer
and saw Rae and Evelyn. It is real
cold here now. I certainly enjoyed
my self at home, and hate to get
back in the old grind again.
All is well, and I am fine. Let me
know when you hear from Bert.
Love, Harold

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H. Bank APO 31, Co. K, 167th Inf.
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CHARLIE GRINER, Manager

Dear Daddy and Mother: Jan. 8/42

I am fine and dandy and not working too hard. It is very cold here now. But I stay in a warm tent all day long and night, too. Have you heard from Bert lately? I haven't! The boys over in the Phillippines seem to be doing better every day now. I don't believe this war will last much longer. I hope not anyway! Write soon!

Love, Harold

Got a letter from Sam Zivitz with a \$2.50 check in it which I'm sending back by return mail. Tell Mother to write Aunt Annie.



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Sam Bank,

Army Store

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CHARLIE GRINER, *Manager*

Dear Daddy: Jan. 11, 1948

I am still fine and dandy, and don't know if and when we will move out of here. I'm thinking seriously of transferring to the Air Corps to do office work. I don't to fly. I tried to get in Tuscaloosa, but they had no openings. What do you think of it. I like the idea. Maybe I can get to Montgomery. Write soon. I wrote to Bill Bloom about it.

Love,

Harold

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Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Look to these You're really missing
And heart to heart The grandest part.

Dear Daddy:

Jan. 12/42 Mon.

I got your card and was
glad to hear from you. I wrote
you 3 times already since I got
back. I got a letter from
Sammie today. Have you heard
from Bert this week yet?
I haven't been to town since
I got back, but hope to get
to town this week, if I can
get away. Write soon.

Love,
Harold



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Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Harold Bank,
APO 31, Co. K, 167th Inf. (RO
Camp Blanding, Florida

Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Jan. 19, 1942

Dear Daddy:

I got the box and it was wonderful. I just finished the cake today. I am handing in my application this week for Officer's Training Course, and I need 3 letters of recommendation. I wrote Bill Bloom, Sen. Hayse Tucker, and Foots Clement for one. Please get in touch with these three men and if one of them are out of town, let me know, and I'll write someone else. Who would you suggest? I will have to go before a board to be interviewed, then go to Ft. Benning, Ga. for 3 months schooling. I hope I pass the board. It will take a lot of pull to do it. Everything is pull here.

I saw Ida Wilensky, from Savannah, last night at a Hadassa dance in Jacksonville. She is Minty's cousin. Remember. I think Mother ment her. They have a nice ladies's ready to wear store there.

So, look into this this week, and let me know what they say.

Write, soon. Hope you are both well and happy, and don't worry too much. Don't forget, Mother, you promised to take off an hour each day, and worry about me. Have you heard from Bert this week?

Love,

Harold
Harold

P. S. How do you like this paper clipping I cut out of the paper the other day?

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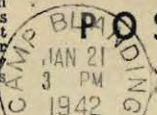


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Dear Daddy & Mother: Tues.

I got the card today. Why did the Hinton boy shoot himself? That is terrible. Hope we hear from Bert this week. Although, I don't see how he can send any message now, because they cannot get to a telegraph office at all. It is hot here now. Hope all is well, there, and when I get to Jax in the daytime, I will look up the man with the Army goods for you. Write soon, and tell me some news, as I don't get the Tuscaloosa news anymore. Love, Harold!



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Mr. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

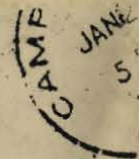
~~WAR DEPARTMENT~~

PFC Harold Bank, APO 31, Co. K, 167th Inf. (R)

Camp Blanding, Florida

~~OFFICIAL BUSINESS~~

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Mr. Samuel J. Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Jan. 24, 1942

Dear Daddy:

I have been working hard this week. The other co. clerk is in the hospital with the flu this week, and I have had to do all the work. I was in town Thursday nite, and went to a basketball game between the YMHA of Jax and Savannah. I saw Ben Cooley's brother in law there, the coach, and a few other boys from Savannah. They had a dance afterwards, and I couldn't disappoint the girls, could I?

Well, here is some news. They are picking from each company in this division 7 Sergeants and 1 company clerk to go to Ft. Dix, New Jersey, 60 miles from New York, to form a new division to train men. I talked to the Company Commander yesterday, and he picked me as the company clerk. That is the way it is now, and I hope he don't change his mind. I will get a rating as soon as I get there. The other clerk is from Penn. and he might want to go, but I don't think he will want to go. I just talked to the Lt. and he said so far I will be the one to go. If the other clerk goes, I will get the ~~new~~ No. 1 job here, with a Corporal's rating, \$64 a month. I want to go to Ft. Dix though. In case I do go, I will come home for a few days before I go. It will probably be March 1 before we go. I will keep you posted as soon as I find out. I am handing my Officer's training School application in as soon as I take the physical next Wednesday. I don't think I will pass the physical. My right eye is too weak I think. I will know next Wednesday. Then I go before the board of 3 men for an interview, and if I pass them, which will be very hard, I will go to Ft. Benning, Ga. for 3 months school and then I will be a 2nd Lt., and will be sent to some other ~~school~~. If I get to go to Benning, I will forget the idea of going to Ft. Dix.

I don't guess you have heard from Bert. I don't think they can get to a message center at all. I saw today's paper and the U S is sending reinforcements over right away. I sure like the way they are holding out over there. They have food and ammunition to last for 2 years there. That is wonderful.

I am going to town tonight, and go to a dance, for a change. So be good, write soon, and use the typewriter I left at home of Berts, and tell me how business is.

Please send this letter on to Mother. I wrote her yesterday in Bessemer. I got a letter from Lottie in Bessemer Sunday. What good does it do Mother to go to a Doctor, as she won't do what he says! What is the matter with Dr. Maxwell? Who and what does she have to change Doctors for? Write soon.

Love,

Harold

Harold

H. Bank,
APO 31, Co. K' 167th Inf.
Camp Blanding, Florida



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Dear Daddy and Mother: 1 PM Monday

We just got word to move out of here, and I don't know where to. It will be in Florida, but where I don't know. Keep writing to the ~~same~~ address till I tell you the new one. We will be gone ~~for~~ about 4 weeks, I think. Write soon.

Love, Harold

PFC Harold Bank, APO 31,
Co. K, 167th Inf. (R)
Camp Blanding, Fla.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Dear Daddy:

I just found out we are going to Tampa, Fla., and I want you to send Mr. Moore's name and where he works there. He is the one that married Miss Jenkinson, and worked in Searles. Write me the same address here, and they will forward it to me. Hope all is well there, and we are going to guard the airport in Tampa. So write soon, and don't worry too much. Lt. Gilliard Disney is now with this company.

Love, Harold

107—"Potato-Peeling at Boom Town," Corner Sand Ave. and Dust Blvd.,
Mac Dill Field, Tampa, Fla.



Dear Daddy and Mother: Wed 9 PM

I have been working hard all day, and am very tired and fixing to go to bed. I just saw Sam Goldblatt, my roommate in Montgomery. He is here now. It is cool here, but better than Blanding. The boys are guarding the airport here, and I'm glad I don't have to stand guard. I must work in the office all the time, and that is hard enough. We are lucky to be here. We will be here for 6 to 8 weeks, I hope. Write soon. Love, Harold
Co. K, 167th Inf. MacDill Field
Fla.

I drove the car here too.

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Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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Hey, mother & Dad:

I just got here
5 PM. I drove at

Carlin. I just
talked to Cox, my
boss in Montgomery.
My roommate, Goldblatt

is also here. Write
me at: Co. H, 167th Inf.,
MacDill Field, Tampa, Fla.
Write soon. Love, Harold



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CHARLIE GRINER, *Manager*

Dearest Daddy & Mother: Thur. 5PM. Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank,

I have been working hard all day, and it is hot here not. The wind blows hard all the time.

This is a beautiful field. Have you heard from Bert lately?

Write soon, and tell me all the news. Has Mother returned from Bessemer? I don't know about the Ft. Dix transfer yet. I will write more later. Love, Harold

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CHARLIE GRINER, Manager

Dear Daddy: Fri. 4 PM.

I just got your letter, and called Lottie up, and talked to her. She said Mother was alright.

"Why didn't you tell me about it? What was the matter with her?"

Let me know! How did you happen to get the letter from Dr. Denney? huh? Write all about Mother.

I like it here so far. Write soon.

Love, Harold

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Army Store,
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Dear Daddy: Sat. 1:23 PM

I got the letter today, and
hope you don't beat up too many
men there. Please keep me posted
about Mother's condition. I called
Hottie yesterday. I am going to
Tampa today. Do you know anyone
there? Let me know. Haven't you
any more stationery? If not, make
some more. You will need it. I
hope business is good. Write often.

Love, Harold

Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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CHARLIE GRINER, Manager

Dear Daddy: Sun. 1PM

Why haven't you written me about Mother's condition. I got your letter and card, but you don't ~~know~~ say anything about how she is doing. Write me and tell me. I was in Tampa last night, and met a man in the produce business that thinks he knows you, Barney Swergin or something like that. He knows the Tanners and says that Katz is crooked, and knows Davis, in jail, from Dothan. Herold.

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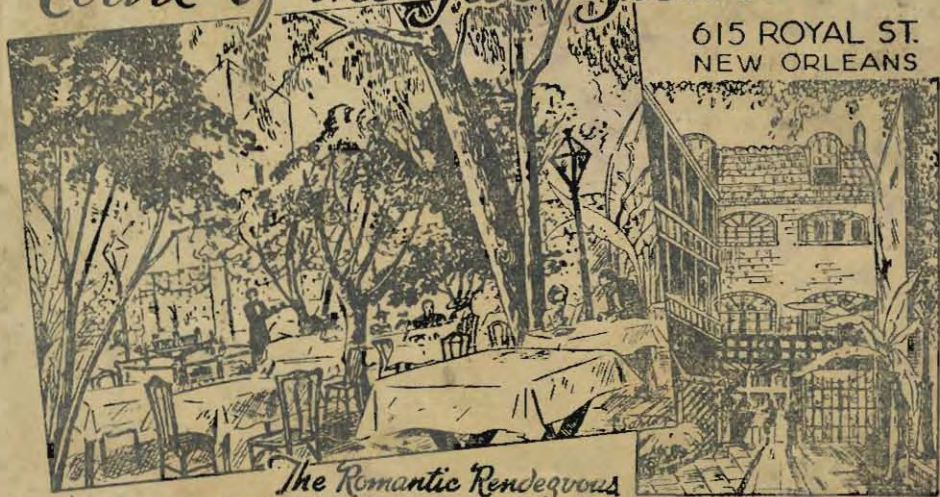
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Dear Daddy: Tues. 4:30PM
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I got the box yesterday, and it was real good. I got a letter from Lottie and also Aunt Annie today. All are well in N. Y. I got a letter from Nelson in Miami and asked me to come to see him some weekend. Neetucutag! Wrote Mother a long letter today. Hope business is fine. Hear from Bert lately? How is the poker games? Hope your luck keeps up. It is a beautiful day here today, and I like it. I called Mrs. Moore, and went to see them, and they were not in. Love, Harold

POST CARD

DEFENSE SAVINGS

BONDS AND STAMPS

PLACE
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Mr. Samuel Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Dear Daddy: Wed. 6:45 PM

I got 2 of your cards today,
and one from Lottie. I wrote
Aunt Annie, Anna, and Lottie
and Mother a long letter today.
I got a letter from Aunt Annie
yesterday. It is new today, and
I like it. I haven't handed my
application in for the OTC be-
cause we came down here. I am going
to take my physical this week.
I then go before the board, but
when I don't know. I'll let you
know. Write soon.

Love, Harold

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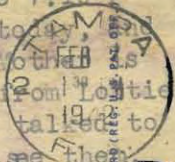
Rustic Bridge, City Park, Alexandria, La.



Dear Daddy: Fri. nite 7:10 PM

I got your card today, and was glad to hear that Mother's feeling fine. I heard from Lottie today also. I called and talked to Mrs. Moore, and went to see them but they were not in. The cooks here dont care about cooking, and just sling the slop at you! It's terrible. What is Aunt Rose's address? Let me know. Write soon, and don't forget to send me this Sunday's papers in a bundle.

Love, Harold



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H. Bantz
Co. H, 167th Inf.
Camp Bowie, Texas

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Sam Bantz
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.



Dear Daddy: 5 m. 2:30 p.m.

I had a boy call you
at home at 9 a.m. this
morning and tell you
we would pass through
there at 11:30 a.m. I
didn't see you, and
guess you didn't get
the call. We will
get to Texas at
noon Tuesday.

Write soon and often.

How about Sunday's
Tuscaloosa News!!

Love,

Harold

Harold Bank,
Co. K, 167th Inf. (R)
APO 31, Camp Bowie, Texas



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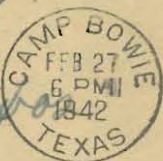
Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Dear Daddy:

Mon. 9 AM

We got here at 5 PM today, and had a nice trip. It was rather tiresome all the way down though, and we had pullmans all the way. We travelled like rich folks. Daddy, I left my good bathrobe at home the last time I was there. I don't know if I hung it up in my or Bert's closet, or packed it in the box or trunk in Bert's trunk, The key is in the china closet in the dining room. I think it is the closet in my room. Send it to me in Uncle Jake's little handbag, the one I used to use at camp. Please send it as soon as you can, and you can include some food if you want to. How is Mother? I haven't heard from her or Lottie since I left there. I had someone call you Sun. morning to tell you I would be through there. I don't know if he called you or not. Anyway, we didn't stop there when we passed through at 11:30 AM fast too. I had someone to call Mother in Bessemer but I didn't see her, so I guess she didn't receive the call either. Write soon, and Please call the Tuscaloosa News, and have them send me the paper every day. Write soon. Love, Harold

Harold Bark, ap031,
Co. "H", 167 Inf. (R)
Camp Bowie, Texas



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. J am Bark
Army store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

22 to Daddy: Thursday-

It is very cold and
windy here today. We
are not doing much work

now. The boys are going
on the firing range
next week. I don't

arrive home yet. I wish
she and mother would come
out here for a few

days. I'll buy mother's
ticket, 1st, 2nd to her.
Be sure and make mother &
don't arrive go to the S. & N.
hall for dinner sometime.

Call Harry Lippman and tell him
of Nelson's talking and so on.
Love, Harold

Harold Bank, APO 31, Co. K, 167th Inf. (R)
Camp Bowie, Texas



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Dear Daddy:

Monday nite-

I got your card today, and cannot understand what is the matter with the car. Did you put another water pump on the car? I didn't think it needed it. Did you have the battery charged? I just had it charged in Tampa! I hope you don't have any more trouble with it. It got cold here yesterday, and it snowed a few minutes. I hope it don't get any colder. I guess Mother and Aunt Annie are having a good schmooshing party. I wish she would send me some of those cinimon rolls. Don't walk too much on those hikes with the defense guards. You can see why I don't like those hikes now. Huh? But I can take it! Tell all hello, and write soon.

Love, Harold

Service Club

Camp Bowie, Texas

Apr 31; Co. H, 16th Inf. (R)

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Mr. Sam Bank,
Army Staff
Tuscaloosa,
Ala.

Service Club
Camp Bowie, Texas

march 6/42

Dear Daddy:

I got the sweater and ~~thank~~
a lot. It is ~~wor~~ today.
as far as I know this is
going to be a training
division. I hope so anyway.

I'm enclosing an article
I tore out of the paper. Read
it! Like it? Is mother
home now? I guess she
will start working hard
again.

Did you call the
unpleasant news? I haven't
received a paper as yet.

Word from Lattie yesterday.
aunt Rose said Bobby is
working in Los Angeles and
Harold graduated, and will
stay in Jacksonville as an
instructor. Wee-wee! He will
take a test for promotion
next month. Hope he gets it!
any news from Bert?

Write soon!

Love,

Harold

100,000 Jews in Service, Veterans' Leader Says

Ben Kaufman Warns Against Racial Division at JWV Meeting in City

By PETE CRAIG

There are more than 100,000 Jews in our armed forces at present, and they are ready to fight this country's battles—not as Jews—but as Americans.

This word and a warning against attempts to create racial and religious division among us were the keynotes sounded Saturday by Benjamin Kaufman, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, here to attend the mid-winter conference of that organization.

A quiet-mannered, medium-sized man, Commander Kaufman also exploded the myth that Jews sought noncombatant services in the first World War. Holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor—one of 72 men given this highest award during the last conflict—he pointed to the record of Jewish participation in the last war.

250,000 in First War

There were 250,000 Jews among our fighters in the first World War, or 4.5 per cent of the total mobilization. These men came from a Jewish population of only 3 per cent of the national total. Of the Jews in service, 48 per cent were in the infantry, as against only 5.09 per cent in the Quartermaster Corps, Commander Kaufman tells you.

Jews always have and always will play important roles in the defense of this country, he declared. Back in the Spanish-American War, 5,000 Jews volunteered for service. And in the Civil War, some 10,000 Jews fought on both sides.

A Jew, Colonel Isaac Franks, served as aide-de-camp to George Washington, and at least 46 Jews are known to have fought in the Revolutionary War.

"But they were fighting as Americans—not as Jews," Mr. Kaufman said.

It was as an American that First Sergeant Ben Kauffman led his outfit, Company K of the 308 Infantry, when it was the first to reach the famous "Lost Battalion" in the Argonne Forest.

And it was as an American that he was fighting that day in October, 1918, in the Argonne, when he won the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The official citation best tells this story:

"In the Argonne on October 4th, Kaufman had one arm already put out of commission by

a German machine gun. Nevertheless, with Private Iacoviello and Vanderlip, he started toward the flank of the machine-gun position. Both privates were wounded, and Kaufman was alone when he drew his pistol—which was empty—and rushed at the position—calling upon the gunners to surrender; made them shoulder the machine gun, and march back to headquarters.

"Meeting Private Iacoviello—he turned over the prisoners to him and then became unconscious from loss of blood.

Imagine charging a machine gun with an empty pistol and a disabled arm! You'd never imagine it from the mild-mannered, unobtrusive fellow who is now national commander of the J. W. V.

Commander Kaufman is itching to get back into action—this time in the Navy. His application for commission is now before the proper officials in Washington. He is a native of Trenton, N. J.

But to those of his faith who may not wear the uniform, he points out the myriad duties of civilian defense, morale work and financial aid which they can perform.

And of the present crises, he

believes, we face a situation which prompted him to paraphrase: "The world is now engaged in a great civil war, testing whether any nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that men are created equal, can now survive."

Of Pearl Harbor, Commander Kauffman believes it a victory in the sense that the Japanese probably thought that by such a lightning stroke they could demoralize us into a quick peace. Instead, he says, Pearl Harbor has united the nation and made us more determined than ever to fight for our ideals.

Says Victory Inevitable

The Axis must realize now that our victory is inevitable, he says with calm confidence.

Commander Kauffman was one of some 500 officials of the Jewish War Veterans here from many sections of the nation for the mid-winter conference.

An important piece of business expected to be voted upon Sunday afternoon will be a resolution admitting Jews in armed service at present to become members of the Veterans' organization upon their discharge.

The conference opened Friday evening with special religious services. Saturday morning's session was marked by a breakfast at which Governor Tammidge was speaker.

Saturday afternoon's session featured a "defense symposium" attended by Mayor LeCraw and civilian and military defense leaders. A banquet was staged Saturday evening.

Originally scheduled to continue through Monday, the conference may terminate Sunday afternoon with a meeting of the resolutions committee. Sessions are being held at the Henry Grady Hotel.

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Harold Bank, APO 31, Co.K' 167thInf.,

Camp Bowie, Texas.

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Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

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Feb. 19, 1942

Dear Daddy:

We got back alright, with only 1 puncture, Sunday night, and had a nice trip. It rained all the way back.

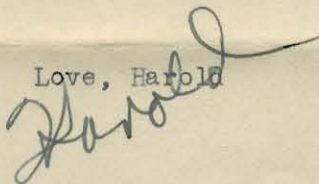
I have been working hard this week, and am already packed to go to Texas. My address there will be: Co. K, 167th Inf., APO 31, Camp Bowie, Texas. So write to me there from now on.

I was in town Monday and Wednesday night, and Had a nice time. I went to town last night with Isadore Pizitz. He sure is homesick. We will ride a pullman all the way to Texas. Have you heard from Bert yet? I wrote to Washington today, and will try to find out something there. I will let you know later. Have you heard from Mother this week? How is she feeling? Let me know.

It has been raining all week, and I am tired of rain. I don't know yet what we will do in Camp Bowie, but I will write you as soon as I get there.

So write soon to Texas, and don't write to me here at Blanding anymore.

Love, Harold



Print the complete address in plain block letters in the panel below, and your return address in the panel provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

No.

[Sender's name]

[Sender's address]

[Date]

[CENSOR'S STAMP]

Time 2, 1943

Dear Bert:

Well, hot-buddy, here I am writing you again. Everything is well and happy at home. I was home 3 weeks ago, and everything is swell. Mother and Daddy are fine, and thinking of you every hour and day. Daddy says he is going to fix you up a beautiful law office when you get back. I have a new portable typewriter and it don't work as good as your little Remington works. Daddy still has that little typewriter, and he put a new handle on it. Boy, he has that little store so full of junk, that you can hardly wald in it. He is using the half of the store next door as a storeroom. Corcle Moody was home last week, and he has a baby. He's down around Miami now.

Heard from Emma last week, and she is fine. She sure is anxious to hear about you. I am working pretty hard these days, and lost 13 pounds in the last 3 weeks because of a diet I'm on. I came from 211 to 198. I am still losing too. Lottie still has her job in B'ham, and really has a good onenow. Jimmie Cooper got hurt but is alright now. Buddy Block, Aunt Annie's grandson, is about 200 miles from here, but I haven't been able to see him as yet. Nelson is in California. Rosalie Kriech got married in Jan. in Texas., and not to me, darn it. I am glad she got what she wanted, a rich Lt.

That's about all for now, so try and let us hear from you real soon.

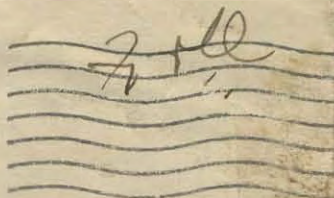
Love,

Harold

V...-MAIL

Cpl. Harold L. Bank, 2 0416637

167th Inf Personnel Section,
APO 31, % Postmaster, US Army,
Shreveport, La.



Mrs. Sam Bank,
% N. Zivitz,
Zebra Vanity Shop,
304 Main Street,
Huntington, L. I., N.Y.

19 August 1943

Dearest Mother:

I received a letter from Lottie today from Jamaica, and was very glad to hear from her and you.

Look, Mother, we are leaving about the 24th of August for Camp Picket, Virginia, and I want you to stop over there on your way back. We will arrive there about the 28th or 29th of August, and don't you leave till I tell you when for sure we will get there. It is only a little, if any, off the way the train runs, and you can get the ticket fixed so that you can stop over a little while. The camp is a little piece from Blackstone, Virginia, and I don't want you to leave there, N.Y., till I tell you when we will be in the new camp. Don't tear up this letter, because I want you to be sure and come to the right town. Now, do you understand. If you can get in touch with Lottie, please tell her if she hasn't gone home from Washington, I want her to stop off there too. I don't know when she is due back to work, but if it isn't too late, I want her to stop off in Blackstone, Va. for a few days also. Please write to her and explain it to her. She told me she was going to Washington this weekend, so I don't know where to reach her.

Please let Sam or Mary read this letter, and make all of the arrangements for you as to the train ticket, that is the stopping off in Blackstone, and they will fix it for you. Right?

Be good, and write soon.

Love,

Harold
Harold

AFTER FIVE DAY

RETURN TO

Cpl. Harold L. Bank, 2046630
Co. M, 167th INF.
CAMP PICKET, VA.



Mrs. Sam Bank
% Zebra Variety Shop
304 main street,
Huntington, L. I., N.Y.

2 PM 7 idg
Aug - 27, 1943

Dearest Mother:

I am now on a train going to Camp Pickett, Virginia, & the train is shaking so much, I can't write. We left La. at 11:30 AM, and it is now 3 P.M. ~~Now~~ We are now in Tex. We are on a very nice train, and all four Pullmans.

It's hot as the devil, and I mean hot.

Mother, I don't know when you are planning on coming for home, but on your way home, I want you to stop over a few days at Camp Pickett to see me. It is not much off of the route you take, and I don't know when I'll be able to get home again. Haven't any idea if I'll get off for the holidays



UNITED STATES ARMY

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or not, but surely hope I do.
anyway, I want you to get down
or Smith or Mary to go down
and fix your ticket so you
can ~~over~~ come over to the
Camp. The nearest ^{town} camp is
BLACKSTONE, VA. Let me know
before hand so I'll get
you a room. Don't forget
to do this, because it will
be hard to get a room in
that town. We will probably
be at that Camp a few
months. We'll get there
Monday.



UNITED STATES ARMY

3 -

I got the box of cookies,
and thanks a million. They
were wonderful.

Haven't heard from Lotti
since she wrote me last week
that she was going to Wash-
ington, the last Friday. Did
she go? When is she going
to leave for home? Why
haven't you written in over
a week? How long are you
planning on staying up there?

I got a letter from Buddy
yesterday, and he's o.k.

So what have you been
doing? How you see over &



UNITED STATES ARMY

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your newspaper (kindly) there?
But you haven't stopped talking
yet? Right?

Got ~~any~~ a card from Daddy
today, and he's fine, but a
little lonesome, and probably bored.
I think so?

What did Lollie stay
with in Washington? Mother,
I'll only be 150 miles from
Washington, and I'll be going
up there very soon. Please
send me Mabel's & Dennis
& even my stuff's address there.



UNITED STATES ARMY

-8-
If you don't have these
addresses, please write to
Lottie and tell her to
write me & send me the
addresses. Will you please
do this right away? Do you
know anyone else in Washington?

I hate about all, so be
good, and give my best regards
to all of the folks. Write
that soon!

all my love,

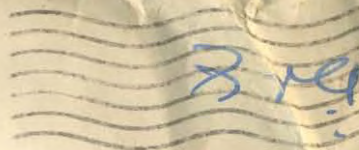
Harold

P.S. NOTICE CORRECT ADDRESS ON ENVELOPE!
H.B.

~~AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO~~
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~~TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA~~

Cpl. H. Bank 70816
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APO 31, Camp Pickett, Va.

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Thursday

Dearest Mother:

Well, I had lunch with Lettie in Birmingham, and she is home today. Daddy is fine, and sure is lonesome. A brick of the Pizitz's Sunday; it is Sara's boy. And Stein is having a bar-mitzva Sunday.

Mother, I talked to Lettie, and she said you couldn't step over in Blackstone to see me. I don't think either. I don't think you can get reservations here at the Pickett if you stop over. You can see if you can arrange it, I know. If not, you had better go on home. Why haven't you written me? I haven't heard a word from you since Lettie left. I haven't heard from you either.

It is very hot here now, and the fire is out. The car is in the shop till tomorrow, and I don't know what I will do tonight. I will be here till Saturday 9/43, then go back to Virginia. Business is OK, and Daddy is well. He sure was glad to see me.

How about another jar of those nuts? Write me when I get back to camp. How about those addresses of folks I asked for in Washington.

Write soon.

ve.

Harold

Cpl. Harold Z.

167th Inf Pers Section
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mrs. Sam Bank
% Zebra Vanity Co.
304 Main Street,
Huntington, L.I., N.Y.

6 Sep. 45

Dearest Mother:

I just got in at noon today, and had a nice time. I called Dad from Birmingham Sunday at noon and he told me all about the card from Bert. I certainly was glad to hear about it.

We are leaving here Thursday for West Virginia for some training, and won't be here for a while. So you can't stop here on your way back. I'm sorry, but that is the way it is. They cut off 4 days of my furlough, because we have to move to West Virginia. I still hope to get off for the holidays and go to N.Y., but do not know as yet.

I am writing this at work, and have to cut it short. Be good, and write soon. I got your letter today when I got back.

Love,

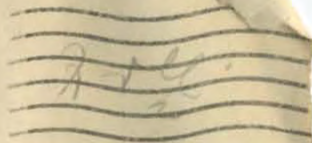
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Dearest Mother:

I'm spending the night here and will leave tomorrow for Elkins, N.Y. I was promoted to SERGEANT 3rd day. Mozartoff! I wrote Daddy today. I hope to be in N.Y. on the 29th for the holidays. Why can't you change your reservations to about Dec 5/43? I think you can? Let me hear from you soon. Write me at same address as before!

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Love, Howard

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Monday evening

Dearest Mother:

I got your last letter today, and was very glad to hear from you. We are now away up on the Mountains of West Virginia, and I mean it is cold. But it is only cold at night, and I like it fine. It is beautiful.

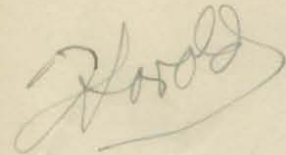
Did you get my last note? I was promoted to Sergeant, on September 10, and sure am glad to get it. I know that you and Daddy will be glad to hear of my promotion. I am still doing the same work, and like it better than ever.

Mother, we will be here about 2 weeks, then we go back to Camp Pickett, Va. for a few days, then we go to Norfolk, Va. for 3 weeks, then back to Camp Pickett. I am going to get off 3 days, maybe 4, for the holidays, and am coming to N. Y. to stay with Aunt Annie. Why don't you just wait till after the holidays to go home. What do you say? Please let me know. Mother, it is impossible for me to see you on the way home, as I don't know where I will be. So please don't make any arrangements to stop over here. I am now continuing this letter after after starting it last night. I was interrupted last night, and have been busy all day.

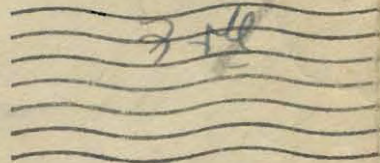
Got a card from Lottie and Daddy today, and they are fine. I shall call you as soon as I leave these mountains and get to a telephone. Be good, and write soon, and let me know your arrangements.

All my love,

P.S. PLEASE USE ADDRESS ON THE
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Cpl. Harold L. Bank, 28416637
167th Inf Personnel Section,
APO 31 % Postmaster, US Army,
Shreveport, Louisiana.



Mrs. Sam Bank
% Zebra Vanity Shop,
304 Main Street,
Huntington, L. I., N.Y.

17 August 1943

Dearest Mother & Lottie:

I received your two letters this week, and sure were glad to hear from you. I bet you really had a big time at the party, and would have given anything for all of us to have been there. I know it was wonderful.

We have only about a week more of these maneuvers, then we leave for Camp Maxey, Texas. I sure will be glad to get out of these woods. It is hot and usually rains a lot here.

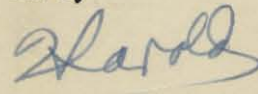
Lottie, you asked me what I wanted from New York. Well, I lost my fountainpen yesterday, and sure do need one bad. If you do get me one, please get an extra fine point, as I need a fine point, and a broad point won't be of any use to me. So be sure it is real fine.

Got a card from Daddy today, and he had a meal at Kartzinel's home this week. He said business is fine.

No, I didn't get to go home as I had planned. A lot of work came up at the last minute; and we couldn't leave. I am hoping to get a furlough in September, and guess I will be home then.

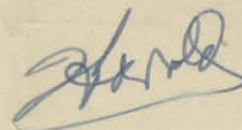
Well, I guess that is about all for now, so be good, and write soon. Give my fondest regards to all of the folks, and Mother, please let Aunt Annie get in a word sideways for a change; maybe she has something to say. You shouldn't take all of the time talking; let there talk for a change. Yes, I remember the Moeller boy, as he was a politician, and belonged to the Alpha Sigma Phi, the house right across from the Law School. He was in Commerce school with me for a while. I think he is from the West, isn't he?

Love,



The telephone of the girl I gave you is listed under the address: 993 President St., as she has just moved. You will have to call information for the Feldmans on President Street, and there are probably a million of them.

HB.

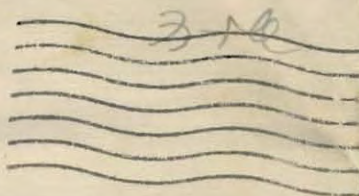


Cpl. Harold L. Bank, 20416637

167th Inf Personnel Section,

APO 31, % Postmaster, US Army,

Shreveport, La.



Miss Lottie Bank & Mrs. Sam Bank
9010 150th St.,

Jamaica, L.I., N.Y.,

% L. Block.

19 August 1943

Dearest Lottie:

I received your letter today, and was very glad to hear from you. I sure am glad you met Naomi, and I would like to know how you ever found her name in the phone book. She sure looks cute from her picture. What did you do, go to a show with her? I sure would like to meet her. Why don't you invite her down to visit you in Birmingham sometimes?

I have written you and Mother 3 times to Aunt Annie's house, and write and hear from Daddy nearly every 2 or 3 days. I couldn't get off at the last minute to go home.

We are going somewhere in Texas next week, but where I don't know as yet. I got the jar of nuts yesterday, and they sure were good. I wish you would buy me a fountain pen with a very fine point. I need a very fine point, and not a broad point. I lost mine this week here in the woods.

I got a card from Daddy today, and he said he just got a letter from the War Department that we could send Bert a box of food. I am so happy that I don't know what to do. He sent the instructions to Mother so she can fix up a box. I really am happy now. It is just like getting a letter from him, isn't it?

Nat Reinfeld told me to tell you to call this girl, as she is a good friend of his: Helen Greenberg, 105 Westchester, Long Beach, N.Y. You might call her up sometimes.

That is about all so write soon. I received the jar of nuts yesterday, and we all enjoyed them immensely. They were wonderful. Thanks a million. Don't forget to look up Mrs. McDuff and Jennie Veo in Washington, D. C.

Love,

Harold

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AND THEY TOLD ME
THIS WAS A
MAN'S ARMY.



Daddy:

You can address
all my mail as

SERGEANT NOW. I
was promoted today.

Please send me 6 pr.
of Shaki + 6 pr of nice
wool Sgt. 1/2 stripes.

Harold

Sgt. Harold L. Berk
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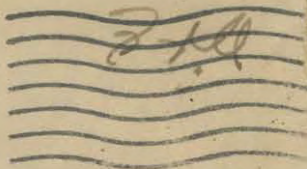
Mr. Sam Berk
Army Store

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AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Cpl. Harold L. Bark
Co. M - 167th Inf.

FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bark
3018 5th St.
Tulsa, Oklahoma

January 17, 1943

Dearest Mother and Daddy:

card

I got your ~~letter~~ today, and was glad to hear from you for a change. We walked 25 miles in 8 hours Thursday, and I nearly died from it. I have a foot full of blisters now.

Daddy, I told you I would send you the check as soon as I get word from the Bank there that they received my allotment. I can't send it to you if I haven't the money, can I? You check with the bank and as soon as they receive the allotment money, tell them to send me the receipt. I haven't had any money to spend the last 2 months because the allotment was held up somewhere. I have had to borrow money in the company, and used it to go home, and now haven't got any money to pay it back, and the boys are worrying me to death to pay it back, and yet you worry me also, knowing that I have not a penny. I'm surprised at you. Don't hand me that stuff about having to have it to do something with it, because I haven't got it. When I get the allotment, I will send it to you, so don't worry me anymore. I have enough worries as it is. I haven't even enough money to go to a show, and yet you ask me for a check. I can't explain that to the boys here, but you ought to understand how it feels to be broke, and owe people.

It snowed a little today, and it is so cold that I think it will freeze tonight.

Write soon!

Love,

Harold

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO



Cpt. Harold
Co. m- 165

FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Banks
3018. 5th Street,

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Jan. 25/43

Dearest mother & Daddy:

Just a word to let you know
I'm fine; and got plenty of
sleep this weekend. It turned
cold yesterday, and has been
freezing ever since.

Got a letter from Father today,
and also "Buddy" Block. He said
Nelson was in California now. I
didn't know he was out there.
Mother, I left 3 blackbirds
at home and I need them now.

I either left them in my Dresser Drawer,
on the top rock in my room, or maybe
in Bert's room in his Dresser. If
you can't find them, they may
be locked in my Dresser Drawer.

The key is either in your
Chino Closet in the living room,
or in my table Drawer. Please
try to find them, and send them
to me right away.

Let me know how you are
feeling, mother, Be good & write
soon!
Love,

Harold

Feb. 7, 1943

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I got your card yesterday, and was very glad to hear from you for a change. I wrote you I got the box last week, and that it was very good. I sure did enjoy it.

I got my statement at the bank last week, and they have received both of my back allotments, so you can go ahead and cash the \$25.00 check I sent you. I will get a money order this week, and send you \$25.00 more. When I hear from the bank that ~~I have~~ they have received my January allotment, which is supposed to arrive there about Feb. 3, I will send you the other \$20.00 I owe you. Please go by there and tell them to tell you as soon as they receive the allotment, as they might wait a whole month till they let me know. How about doing this for me. Huh?

Yes, I am still company clerk. But, and with a capital "B", the war department says that all personnel in the army must take the current physical fitness tests, so I have to take all of them. Boy, it really is tough too. I walked 35 miles Friday, from 8 AM, to 8 PM, and it nearly killed me. Major McCall really suffered on the hike also. Everyone makes these hikes, cooks and KP's, and all clerks. I think the one Friday will be all for a while anyway. I hope so!

Today, Sunday, we had to go on the range and shoot the rifle, which I haven't done in 10 months. I was in the first 10 in the company. All the men thought that I would not do so good, as I had been working in the office so long. But I surprised them. I would have done better, had ^{not} the wind been blowing so hard that you couldn't hold the rifle still while standing.

I received the 3 ties, but they are not the ones I sent or Father left there. They might be in Bert's room, in his dresser drawer, or in my dresser drawer, or on the tie rack. I don't think I took them to a cleaner, but you might check with Gates and Lindsey's Cleaners to find out. I sure wish I could come to stay in the store while you go to Chicago, but I don't think I could fanagle a furlough now. There are some men who haven't had a furlough, while I have had 2 long ones last September and Xmas. Right? I hope you get to go to Chicago though. Please send me Aunt Stella's address. Uncle Harry don't come to Okla. City any more, so says his partner in Oklahoma City. I called him last month.

That is about all as this is the longest letter I remember writing for a long, long time, so be good, and write soon. This is the only card I received from you this week!!! That is bad!

Love, Harold

Cpl. Harold L. Bank
Co. M-167 4th Inf.

FORT BILL
OKLAHOMA

Mr.
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To

February 20, 1943

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I got the last box of food the other day, and sure did enjoy it. It was wonderful.

The waather is wonderful here now. It is just like spring weather, and the sun is shining, and it is beautiful.

I am going to Oklahoma City for the weekend today at 12 noon, and am coming back Sunday night. Today is Saturday. It is the first trip for me since I came back from home nearly 2 months ago.

Got a letter from Lottie yesterday. She sure is running around a lot lately. Somewhere different every weekend. When does she have time to come home for a weekend?

That is about all because the Inspecting Officer will be around very soon to inspect for the regular Saturday inspection, and I have to be busy when he comes in, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

Harold

Cpl. Harold L. Bank
Co. M - 167th Inf.

PORT BELL
OKLAHOMA
Camp Kelly, Miss.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018 - 5th Street,

Evansville, Indiana.

3rd 4 PM

Dearest Mother + Daddy:

I am now in the train heading
for Memphis. It's very cold outside.
I played 5¢ blackjack all afternoon,
and won 90¢.

I sure will be glad to get near
home. I'll probably be home next
weekend. I'm not sure though.

We might go through Tennessee,
but I'm not sure, anyway, we wouldn't
stop. That's all for now so
be good and write soon.

Love,

David

Cpl. Harold J. Bank
Co. M-167th Inf.
Camp Shelby, Miss.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th Street
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

March 12/83

Dearest mother &addy.

Just a word to say I am
fine and hope I'll have been
home by the time you get this
letter. I don't know as yet if I'll
be able to come, but I hope so.

I have worked longer & harder
this week than ever before; every
night till 9 PM. never saw so much
work!

Be good & write soon!

Love,

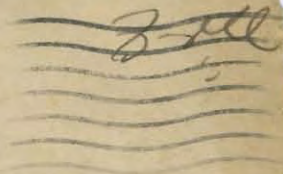
Harold

P.S. This clipping sure applies to mother! Don't it!

Cpt. Harold L. Bank
Co M - 167th Inf.
Camp Shelby, Miss.



Mr & Mrs Sam Bank
3018 5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama



March 22/43

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

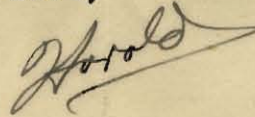
I got home at 4 AM, and got 1 hour and 1/2 sleep. I sure was tired today, but worked a long and hard day. I am going to sleep tonight, after I write a few letters. I slept nearly all the way from Tuscaloosa.

I guess I will stay in camp next weekend. I will probably come home the weekend after next. I sure did have a nice time in B'ham. I talked to Lottie about 1/2 hour till she had to go to the YMHA to a meeting.

Sure did enjoy the box. It was wonderful. Anything tastes good when you are hungry.

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harold", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Cpl. Harold L. Bank
Co. M-167th Inf.
Camp Shelby, Miss.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th St.,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dearest mother &addy.

I got back alright Sunday
night. I got home about 3 AM, and
slept nearly all night on the
bus.

It sure has been hot here
this week.

I might go to Birmingham
this weekend. If I do I'll
call you from the bus
station about 10 PM.

Haven't heard from you or
Bert yet this week. Why?
I still don't get the

To use those news. How about
calling them up and tell
them to send it to me.

Be good & write

soon!

Love,

Harold

Harold L. Bank
m-167th St.
wsp Shelby, Miss.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3015-5th St.

Tusculossa, Alabama.

Sat. afternoon

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I got home at 3:30 am today morning, and slept nearly all the way home.

It sure was nice to get home again, and wish I could come back again this week-end.

It's hot here today, and I think I'll sleep all afternoon, and go to a show tonight.

If you send me a box next week, put in some watermelon.

Be good & write soon!

Love,
Harold

May 2, 1943

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I received your cards today, and was glad to hear from you the first time in nearly 3 weeks. I got the box the other day, and it sure was good. The glass of jelly was busted, but I had the one that I brought from home.

It sure has been hot there this week, and it is cool today.

Got a letter from Lottie today, and she said Mother was in Birmingham, last Wednesday. Sure are traveling around a lot these days, Mother.

Might come home next weekend, but don't know yet.

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon. Daddy, if you hear of Tanner's truck coming here soon, please tell him to get in touch with me, as I want to ship my trunk home with all of my junk in it. We are going on maneuvers soon, and I don't want to take so much junk along. Tell him to call me at 158 in the Camp if he wants to. I have it all packed ready to go.

Love,

Harold

July 16, 1943

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I received your card today, and was very glad to hear from you. The box was wonderful, and we sure did enjoy it.

It is very hot here now, and the rain has stopped for a while; I hope for a great while.

I just finished talking to the Red Cross man that is attached to us for the maneuvers to lend money to men who have emergency furloughs. He said he had just saw a letter from a Jap prisoner in the Philippines. He said that they, the Japs, are starting to let the prisoners write. So I hope in the near future we will be getting a letter from Bert. He sounded very encouraging about the whole thing.

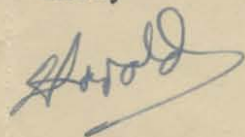
By the way, in the event that anything ever happens at home there, and you have to wire me to come home on an emergency furlough, you don't wire me yourself, but get the Red Cross to wire, and it don't have to be rechecked through them. Don't forget this, in case anything comes up. Remember to call the Red Cross, and get them to wire me. Right?

The boys in the field are working and walking hard these days, while I sit up in a chair and type away on this typewriter. We passed them the other day, we were riding, they walking. They had walked 24 miles during the day, in the hot and dusty road, without water, and they sure did look terrible.

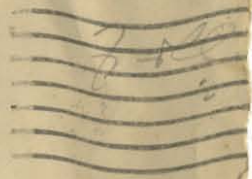
That is about all for now, so be good, and don't forget the long letter you promised to write me about the trip to Chicago. I'm expecting it soon..

How about finding out if my allotment came through. I just got a letter from the War Department saying that 3 checks @ \$40.00 had been sent in June. How about checking by the bank and if it has, let me know how much is there, so I can write a check, as I am so broke, that if automobiles were selling for 5¢ a dozen, I couldn't make a down payment on a valve-core. Right?

Love,



Lt. Harold L. Bank
157th Inf Personnel Section,
APO 31, Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank,
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

COMPANY M 167TH INFANTRY

Camp Pickett, Virginia

24 September 1943

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, I guess you got in yesterday, Mother, and bet you haven't stopped talking yet. I know you had a wonderful time, and know that you are glad to get home once again.

We are leaving here on the 23th of the month, and will get to Camp Pickett, on the afternoon of the 29th. I won't be able to get off for the first holiday, but will get off for the 2nd holiday and go to N.Y. to stay with Aunt Annie the first night. I am going to try and call you on the phone on the night of the 29th, so if you go to B'ham., please let me know before hand. Right?

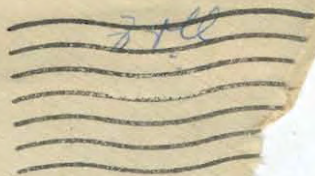
It rained all night last night, now a hard rain, but drizzled, all night, and turned off real cold today. But we have a lot of blankets and comforts, and slept wonderfully warm. This is wonderful sleeping weather. I don't get up till about 10 AM every morning here. We are now eating the Government "K" rations now. It consists of a box with a can of meat, hard-tack, which is a sort of mixture of bread and cracker, like a graham cracker, chewing gum, a powder for making a drink, candy, sugar, and makes a good meal.

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon. I have received both the chevrons and the underwear, but you never did say whether you received the box of clothes that I sent home. Did you? Please let me know, Daddy.

Love,

Harold

Wt. Harold L. Bank
Co M 167th Inf APO 31,
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank,
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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Monday morn-

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I received the box of food yesterday, and thanks a million, as it was wonderful.

Here is my status now. We just got a new Commanding Officer. I hold the Sgt.'s rating of the communication sergeant, and when he asked where the comm. sgt was, they told him I was it, and so he said if I was to hold the rating I would have to do the work. So the past 2 weeks I have been doing both's work. I have been going to radio code school lately. So it looks like my clerical work is over, now that I am a Sgt. It is rough, but it is fair. I might be able to get back in the office, but don't think that I will. It is not a hard job, but I have to walk with the company when it walks from now on. I guess I will have to leave the office about the 4th of November.

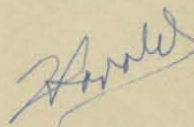
You have given up hope about the hospital job, but I haven't. I am waiting to hear from Billy Partlow this week, with some good news. You cannot initiate a transfer like that, but some higher headquarters can put it through for you. I know that, as I have seen it done to many times before.

It has been raining steady and hard here for about 15 hours, and I am tired of it.

My government policy was sent to you about 2 years ago, and it is among my other Metropolitan papers that you have there. I gave it to you a long time ago. Don't lose it. Be sure and let me know when you start getting my bond, \$25.00 a month. It started October 1, 1943. Please send me the name of the Prison camp Bert is in, if you have it.

Be good, and write soon.

Love,



Air Per
APO 31, Camp Pickett, Va.

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank,
% Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

COMPANY M 167TH INFANTRY

Camp Pickett, Virginia

26 September 1943

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

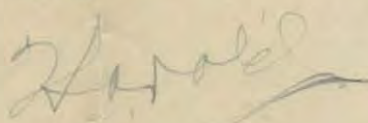
Well, I guess that you are now through balking, as you have been home about 3 days, Mother, and Daddy is getting good meals once more. I wish I could have been in Washington, but it was impossible. We are leaving here Tuesday morning, and will get to Camp Tuesday night, and I hope to leave Wednesday morning for N. Y. I am not sure of getting off, but have talked to the Chaplain and believe that I can get off for the 4 days of this week.

We are now through with the mountain training, and are awaiting our orders to leave for Camp Pickett, Va. Today is Sunday, and is a beautiful day. The sun is shining, and it is bright, and cool. It is real autumn.

I haven't heard from you, Daddy, as to whether you received my box of clothes that I sent about 3 weeks ago or not. Please let me know if you got them alright. If not, I want to send a tracer after it. Right? Please don't ignore my letters about this matter any longer. Did you take care of the Tuscaloosa News for me yet? I haven't received them since my return from home 3 weeks ago. Please attend to this at once.

That is about all for now, so be good, and let me hear from you soon.

Love,



Message Continued Here

Det. Harold L. Bank
Co M 167th Inf APO 31
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018 5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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Wed. 1PM

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, I am still working hard, and going to school 3 nights a week. It is real hard but I guess my delicate constitution can stand it. It is cold as the devil up here, but we have very warm gas-heated barracks. They are very nice. When did you get home from B'ham. Mother? Why don't you write me for a change? Did you ever call the News for me? I sure would like to see a paper for a change. Write soon.

Love,

Harold

Sgt. Virgil L. Brock
Co. W, 167th Inf. A.P. 831
Camp Pickett, Va.



20 49 - 100 Brock
30 - 100 Street,

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Tuesday night -

I lovest Daddy + Mother.

I received the box of apples yesterday,
and thanks a lot. They sure were good. You
mentioned about mother's dream; well, I believe
I heard it up here. Hope all of the
callers you got from Kansas City are O.K. How did
you ever find out about it? Dad?

It's now 7:15 PM Tuesday night, and we
are all packed to leave. We leave tomorrow
morning at 9 AM, and you won't hear from me
for 5 days. At the end of 3 days I'll write
you again. I don't get worried, because I can't
tell you what we are doing now. When I get
back to Camp Sickett, I'll tell you all about
my life right on. Write soon. Love,

Harold

Sgt. Harold L. Bank
Co M 167th Inf. APO 31,
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Saturday nite-

D^{de}arest Mother & D^{de}addy:

Well, here it is S^aaturday nite, and I am still working. We got back Friday morning and I slept only 3 hours all night, as we were riding the train back here all night. We left about 10 days ago, and boarded a ship, and there were 5 ships in the convoy at Norfolk, V^a. Our ship was 453 feet, and had 1800 persons on board. It was tremendous. We slept on it 8 nights, and one night on land. We made landings every morning up in Maryland a long way up the Chesapeake Bay, about 52 miles south of Washington. It was a lot of fun. The sailors on board, 500 of them, directed the thing, and it was really good. I was glad to get an opportunity to take the trip.

We couldn't write from the ship and couldn't get any mail from anyone. So when I got back I had a lot of mail waiting for me.

It has been hot all day, but cooled off a little while ago. It is 6:45 PM now, and I have to be on duty at Regimental Headquarters Personnel Office 5 PM today, to 5 PM tomorrow. I sleep up here tonight, and therefore, have a lot of time to write letters, and catch up on my correspondence.

The first bunch of furloughs left today for 9 days, and I hope to leave on the 3rd bunch, if I am lucky. I am still working in the office, but don't figure I will be here after the 16th, when my assistant comes back, and then I will go to the field.

At last I started to get the paper again, and sure did enjoy reading them again. D^{de}ddy, in those parachute, 3/4 boot s, that you got from Benning, please let me know if you have a 9 C, and a 10 1/2 C, or anything near that size. A couple of boys here asked me to see if you had them. Please let me know by return mail.

I don't think that Lottie should come to Tuscaloosa to work, because there is no Jewish boys there and no social life for her. I think that she should stay just where she is, as after the war she will have the job, and a job in Tuscaloosa won't be there after the WAR. So let her stay where she will be happy.

I sure am happy that the Russians took Ekaterinaslov again. Is that spelled right? Where has Money Sokol been so long? Across? How did he manage to get home? I am not being shipped overseas, so stop worrying about it. I told you that my outfit was a training outfit for new men, and will never go across the big pond. So that's that! Have you sent my barracks bag back with only clean clothes in it yet? If not, please do so right away, as I have no clean clothes. Don't send any of the other junk in it back. Here? If you have a larger barracks bag, send it instead of the small one I sent. OCS is out forme, as I would never think about going to another one, when I have it so good here. I got the affidavits for the allotments, and have already sent them off. Don't forget, Mother, to deposit it in the bank in my account as soon as you get them, and let me know how much it, or rather send me the slip you get from the bank. Right? I couldn't tell whether Bert was in Camp No. 2 or 12. Please let me know.

Mort Rosen is a Captain and in Greenville, S. C. now. He sure went up in a hurry didn't he? No, you can't make the Bank, 1st National, I mean, use Bert's money to buy bonds, as they cannot do it. He will draw a little interest, about 2%, I guess, isn't it?

I have 4 wool blankets and a comforter, and that is warm enough. I sleep in a small room, not quite as large as mine at home, but a lot warmer, with the steam heat. If you want to get Lottie a fur coat, you get it, as I don't think I can afford it. I was thinking about buying her a \$25.00 bond for Xmas. What do you think of that?

Well, I guess that is about all, as I guess you are tired of reading after so long, so be good, and write soon. I got a letter from George McBurney, Captain, and he is fine, and is on maneuvers in Tennessee, and is living in the mud, tents, with no heat. See, he is a Capt., and in the mud, and will probably be over seas soon, and I am a Sgt., and living in steam-heated barracks. I think I am right, don't you, Mother?

Love,

Harold

1st. Harold L. Bank
Co M 167th Inf APO 31
Camp Pickett, Va.



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Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Sunday afternoon

Dearest Mother & D^Addy:

Well, here it is Sunday afternoon at 3 PM, and I just got up at 1PM this afternoon. I went to a night club with dates last night and had a good time, and danced till 2 AM and got to sleep at 3 AM. We went in my friend's 1942 Buick convertible car, and it sure is nice.

I gave Jim Cooper the package of ribbons, and we really shot the bull, but I couldn't get him to talk much. I guess by now that you have the money order that I sent you. Right? Now I am broke again for the rest of the month. I am sending you the 2 clippings from the paper, and you keep them there, as I have a copy of them.

We are working pretty hard here now, and have to work nearly everynight, and I don't like that at all.

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

Harold

Tues noon-

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

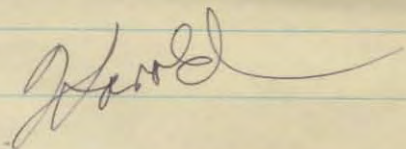
Just a line to say that I am O.K., and got the large box yesterday..Thanks a lot, and the food was wonderful.

I was in Washington this weekend, and had a wonderful time. I went out to Jennie's and Veo's house all day Sunday, and had breakfast and dinner with them. They are all alright, and Mrs. Banks too. Veo is working for the Government, and studying everynight and playing with a band every Sat. nite. He is fine, and still has a nice workshop in the basement, and a victory garden in the summer.

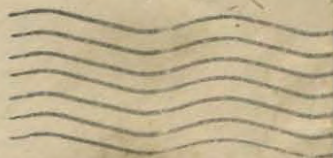
He needs some meters for his radio and if you ever run into any, get them for him. He can do and make anything. He is studying electronics now. If you have any radios to fix, send them to him, he said.

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harold", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

498- Harold L. Bank
Co M 167th Inf APO 31
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. SAM BANK
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Thursday nite-

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

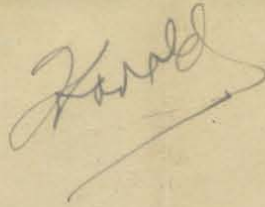
You will probably get this when I am home, but I will write it anyway. Today is Thanksgiving Day, and I am having to work tonight starting at 5 PM. It is rough, but fair. Right? I am still planning on leaving here Sunday at the latest, and will probably be home intime for supper Monday night, if not sooner. I have 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours lay over in Roanoke, Va., and Rosalie is going to meet me at the train, and go home for supper with her. Fancher and another Sergeant from Birmingham will be with me, and we will all go with her to her home for supper. She sure is nice to me. Right?

Heard from Lottie today. She is well, and said Mother was going to Birmingham for Thanksgiving. Did you go to, Daddy?

Today is a beautiful day, and sure do wish I could take some pictures, but this post won't allow you to take pictures. I haven't taken pictures since I left La. on 27 August 1943. Rough, isn't it?

So until, Monday, I will say au revoir, and be good.

Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronald", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sgt. Harold L. Bank
Co. M, 165th Inf.
Apr 31, Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th Street,
Fresno, Cal.



CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA

Sunday afternoon

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I wrote you a long letter this morning, and this will just be a note to thank you for the wonderful box I just got in the mail. The chicken surely was good. I ate part of it for supper.

5 - Thanks a million!

Love,

W. L. Pickett

Lot - Harold Banks
M 167th Inf APO 31;
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.



UNITED STATES ARMY

Friday-

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, I got home yesterday morning at 5:30 AM, and sure was tired all day. I went to sleep at 8 PM last night, and feel much better today.

Yes, I got my field jacket. I got the letter with the forms from Dave,, and signed and returned them yesterday. Today I sent you a money order for \$88.00, which is \$12.00 less than the \$100.00 I got from you. The deduction was for the cigarettes. Right? The reason the boy didn't send them to me, was that they got paid on the field during a 3 day problem, and by the time they got back to camp it was Saturday, and too late to send it to me.

I sure did have a nice time at home, Hattiesburg, and in Birmingham, and Fancher and I met Lottie in town Tuesday night, and had a Coke and talked till 9:30 PM, and I went to bed at 10 PM that night.

That is about all for now, so be good, and let me hear from you soon. I can use a box just any old time you want to send it.

Love,

Harold

Sgt Harold L. Bank
Co H 167th Inf APO 31
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

15 Dec 43

Dear Daddy:

I just looked up my code that I sent you from La., and the instruction sheet is missing. Please let Lottie or someone else make a copy of it and send it to me right away. I guess someone lost it from my desk while I was home. Please do it right away.

It snowed here all night last night, and is cold today.

Love,

Harold

Sgt. Harold L. Bank
Co. "M", 167th Inf. 2031
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Saturday 5 P.M.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I received your card yesterday stating that I would get a box. Guess it will come in soon.

I caught the flu yesterday. I came over here to the hospital today, and will probably be here a few days. I feel am feeling low today, but expect and hope to be better in a few days. It's rough!

Haven't heard from Lottie this week. What's the matter.

Did you get the money order? You never mentioned it. Please let me know.

I wish you would send a Xmas card to Sgt. CLARENCE R. FANCHER. Use my address, and

send it from you & mother.
Please do it right away.

Write soon!

Love,

Harold

Monday 2:15 PM.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, here it is Monday, and I'm feeling alright. My fever is gone, & I'm fit as a fiddle. The nurse said I sure got over it in a hurry.

I spoke to the doctor today about my asthma, throat & nose trouble, and — he is sending me to the throat ward, probably tomorrow. Maybe I'll get it fixed up. Hope so, anyway. Write soon.

Love,

Harold

Sgt - Harold L. Bork
Co. "M" Co. 167th Inf.
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bork

Army Store,

Tuscaloosa, Alabama



CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA

Tuesday, 0:50 PM

Dearest Daddy & Mother:

I received your card today, and will probably get the box tomorrow.

I'm feeling good today, but will have to remain here a few more days for the doctor to observe my asthma. Hope I'm not by Xmas. It's too boring in here.

I got a couple of books from the library, and have been reading a lot, and writing too.

Have you received a letter in answer to your inquiry about the insignia? Let me know. I learned Bert came in last night. Write soon.

Love,
Harold

1st. Harold L. Barks
Co. "M", 165th Inf.
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. Lou Barks
Army Store,
Tuscoloma, Alabama.



CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA

Wednesday -
4:27 1/2 PM.

Dearest Mother & Laddy:

I received the box today, and it was wonderful. 5 books a million! What the devil did you send the shirt, shirt-brush, & shoe polish. I sent them home because I didn't need them, and here you send it all back to me. I merely said if you look where you put my shoe polish, you will find my address book. The book is what I wanted. and you send me black shoe polish. What am I going to do with black shoe polish. Please don't send



CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA

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any more junk till I ask for it.
Right?

Went and took an spray
on my Bull this morning. This
afternoon I talked to the doctor
about my throat, and he's taking
an spray tomorrow. Boy, I'm
really getting attention around here.

Be good, I write soon.

Love,

Harold

P. S. I'm still waiting
for my X mas present!



CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA

Thursday —

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I just talked to the major
Davis, the doctor, and he's letting me
have leave tomorrow morning, Friday. I'm
so happy I could shout, Hallelujah!

Write soon!

Lane,
Daddy

P.S. might go to N.Y. tomorrow night.



CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA

Thursday -
10:25 $\frac{1}{4}$ A.M.

Dearest mother & Daddy.

Well, Thursday has come, and I'm still here. I'm going down and take another X-ray this afternoon at 1 P.M. for sinus.

Hope they do something for me.

I'm supposed to go back to the Company this afternoon, and sure will be glad to get out. Believe I'll go to N.Y. with Nat Fairfield this weekend to be there for Xmas. Good idea, huh? I'll call Aunt Annie if I get to go. Write soon!

Love,

David

Sgt. Arnold L. Banks
Co. "M", 167th Inf.
Camp Pickett, Va.



FORM 539



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Banks
Army Store,
Tuscoloosa, Alabama.



AMERICAN RED CROSS

Friday -
11:15 A.M.

Dearest Daddy & Mother:

Well, here it is Friday,
and I'm all packed to leave.
I'll probably leave here about
2 P.M. Dad will be glad
to get out of this hospital.
It's just like a jail.

Write soon!

Love,
Harold



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Hi sweet mother & daddy!

as you probably know
by now, I'm here &
having a very nice time.
What did Bert say?
Write soon!

Love,
Harold

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Mr. & Mrs. Lee Book
Co. 167 1/2 E. 1st St.
Camp P. 167 1/2 E. 1st St.
WAR SAVINGS
BONDS AND STAMPS
POST CARD

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Book
Army Street
Tusculum, Ala.

Let Harold L. Bank
Co M 167th Inf APO 31
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Monday-

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I got back at 4 AM this morning from N. Y. and had a wonderful time. I spent one night there at Reinfelds and had a real nice time. I didn't call Aunt Annie on the phone because I knew she would want me to come out there, and I didn't have time. So don't write here that I was there. I received the check for \$15.00 and thanks a million, as I sure did need it. I guess you have already deposited the \$100.00 in the bank in my account, but I didn't use any of it this weekend, but probably need it later on.

How about letting me know what Bert said in the card. It is not a secret, is it? It seems to be, as you got the card 10 days ago, and have only mentioned that you got the card so far. When are you going to send the code first sheet that I asked for. Please do it right away.

Write soon. Tell Lottie to write Buddy, but don't tell him that I was in N. Y. I talked to Maccine and to Leo Lavigne and to Gus Nickapolas, in Newark, N. J.

Love,

Harold

St. Harold L. Bank
Co. in; 167th Inf.
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tusculum, Hoboken.

29 Dec 43

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I haven't heard from you this week, and am wondering why? You mentioned that you got one card from Bert Sat. nite, and another one last Wed. . How about letting me in on the contents of the cards?? Think it will be too much trouble?

It snowed all day long today and last night, and the country is beautiful and cold. I am well now, and feeling fine. I went to take an exray for my ~~sinus~~. *This is being finished on the 30th, as I had some work to do last night, and then went to a dance.*

It's cold here today, and I mean cold, when I got back from N.Y. Monday morning, everyone said they heard I got killed in a bus accident. I'm sending you the clipping.

Write soon!

Lane,
Shard

Lt. Harold L. Burt

G. M., 167 1/2 St.

Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Burt
3018-5th St.

Tusculum, Alabama.

Friday -

Dearest mother & daddy:

I received your card and sure would
like to sell a \$300.00 war-bond!! Please sell
the car if you can get \$400.00 for it, and
put the "sell" in a card for me, Right?

How was Amos business? How much?

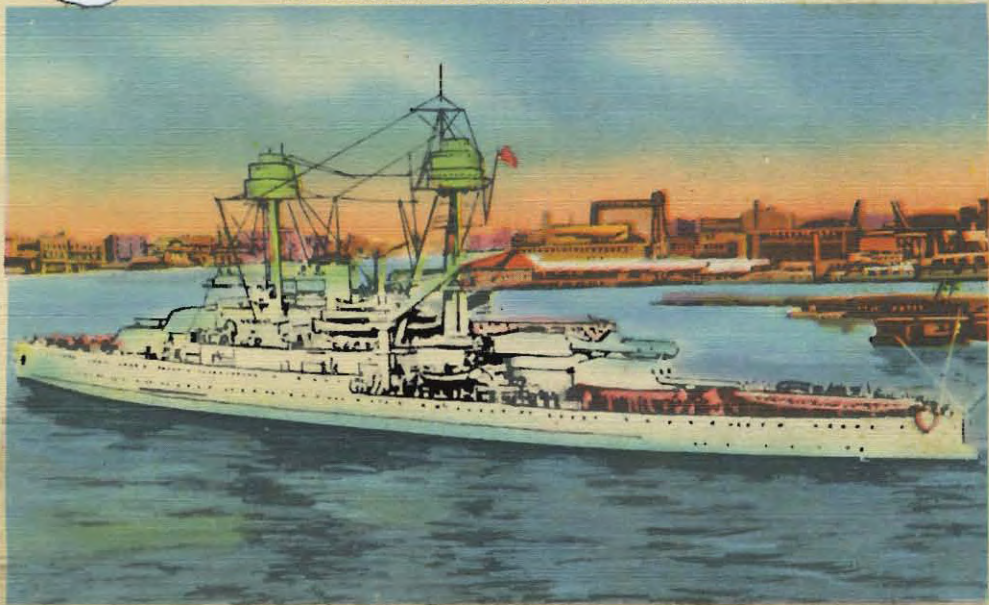
What did Bert say in his 2 cards?

Is it a military secret?

Write soon!

Love,
David

141:--BATTLESHIP ENTERING THE HARBOR, NORFOLK, VA.



Hey, mother & daddy;

Capt. W. S. Books
Co. M, 167 Det.

Camp Pickett Va.

PLACE
STAMP
FACE
HERE

POST CARD

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Books
3018-5 St.
S. Washington,
D.C.

MADE IN U.S.A.

I just called Ludwig
and he has been home
on a vacation for 2
weeks. & this is the
loveliest town I've
ever been in.

Love,
Harold

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING



THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS

FROM

Sgt. David L. Bank
Co. "M" 167th Regt.



U. S. ARMY

CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA

Army Store
↓

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store, Post Box 54
Tuscaloosa, Ala.



SERVICE CLUB
CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA

Friday night -

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Just noticed where an
old and dear friend of yours,
Mr. Morris, died. I thought I'd
send you the clipping.

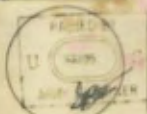
If you can get me
a pound of tobacco, please send
me "Big Ben." Don't send
any other kind, I can't get that
kind, I don't know of anything
else!

Love,

Harold

No.

From



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To

MRS. SAM BANK
3018 5TH ST.
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

Sgt. HAROLD L. BENTLEY

(Sender's name)

C.M. 10TH INF. A.P.O. 31-B.

(Sender's address)

C/O P.M. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

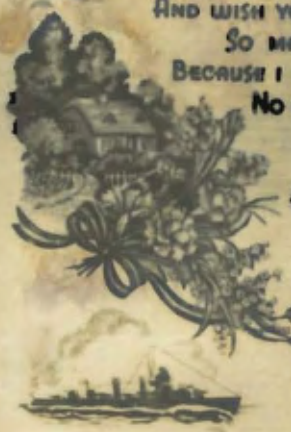
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(Date)

WITH LOVE TO MOTHER
on Mother's Day

MOTHER DEAR, I THINK OF YOU
ON MOTHER'S DAY, ONCE MORE—
AND WISH YOU JOY, THE WAY I HAVE
SO MANY TIMES BEFORE—
BECAUSE I LOVE YOU, AND YOU SEE,
NO MATTER WHERE I ROAM,
I'LL BE OKAY,
AS LONG AS YOU
ARE HAPPY, THERE AT
Home!

Harold



V-MAIL

POST OFFICE DEPT. PERMIT NO. 40

Print the complete address in plain block letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

No.

From



(PERSON'S STAMP)

Miss Lottie Bank
1701 1/2th Ave. South,
Birmingham, Ala., U.S.A.

Mr. Harold L. Bank, 441637

(Include Name)

Box 11, 167th Inf., 1, 1,

(Include Address)
San Francisco, Calif.

17 June 44

(Date)

Dearest Lottie Bank:

I received a letter from you today, the first in 5 days. It was dated the 6th of June, and the last one was dated the 2nd of June. So you skipped 4 days. All the other four will come in soon. Nat wrote you over a month ago.

Today is Saturday, and I am in charge of quarters, and have to stay in the mess hall all day, darn it. So tomorrow I am going to the beach all day. You said I have never been to Tybee Beach in Savannah. Don't you remember I spent the winter and another summer with Bert and he went out there. The next time you write Minky and her if Evelyn Center is engaged or married. I haven't heard from her in some time.

I haven't received a box from Mother yet, but probably will soon. I have received 5 Tussocks as News and no D'Ann. news so far. No, I didn't make the Mother's Day card; I bought it. What do you think I am a magician or poet? Huh! The censored part of my letter was only that we broke them and had to come back and spend another day in the C&A zone to get it fixed up. No, I am not in Holland either in Bink, and haven't seen any action, and don't expect to for a long, long time to come. Understand?

Are you going to get Springs with Mother & Betty. It could be a wonderful trip for you and them too, as that is a very good town now to spend a vacation. But I think you wanted to go to the beach. Right?

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon.

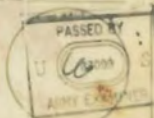
Love,

Harold

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[CENSOR'S STAMP]

To MISS LOTTIE JANK
1901-4TH AVE. SO.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
U.S.A.

From

Sgt. H.L. BANK, 20416637

[Sender's name]

G.M. 167th INF. A.P. 31

[Sender's address]

90 P.M., J.F., CALIF.

3 AUG 48

[Date]

DEAREST LOTTIE:

TODAY I GOT THE LETTER WITH THE 3 PICTURES. MOTHER'S WAS DEAR BLE. I DON'T REMEMBER ED'S WIFE. ANY RELATION TO HERMAN COOK? ALSO GOT A PICTURE OF RUTH TODAY, & IT'S SURE IS A GOOD ONE! YES, I KNOW MIRIAM ROSENTHAL. VERY PROUD BUT BROAD-MINDED. REMEMBER A GIRL FRIEND OF YOURS GAVE ME A NAME TO LOOK UP IN JAX? WELL, SHE INTRODUCED ME TO HER WHO WERE THE OTHER 2 GIRLS? IS THAT THE RUBIN THAT WENT U of ALA.? WHO IS EVELYN ROBINSON? EIDEX'S BROTHER-IN-LAW IS NO WHERE AROUND ME. GOT A NICE LETTER FROM EMANUEL TO JAX.

I AM FEELING A LOT BETTER TODAY. I SURE WAS SICK ALL WEEK, THOUGH. GUESS I'LL LEAVE THE HOSPITAL IN A COUPLE OF DAYS.

BE GOOD & WRITE!

Love,

Harold

V-MAIL

No.



CENSOR'S STAMP

To

Miss Lettie Bank
1901 South 4th Ave.,
Birmingham, Ala., U.S.A.

From

Sgt. H.L. Bank, 20416637

(Sender's name)

Co M 167th Inf APO 31, PW,

SAC, Calif.

6 Aug 44

Date

Dearest Lettie:

I didn't receive any mail from you today, but yesterday I got the letter that included the one that Mother wrote, and sure was glad to hear from youall. Right?

I got out of the hospital today, and feel a bit of alright. Sure hope I don't ever have to go back to that place, because I spent 9 horrible days in it.

Went to a show last night, and saw Warner Baxter in "Crime Doctor". It was very good.

Guess you are all rested up from the trip, and can settle down for another 3 or 4 days before starting on another trip. Right?

Yes, I got the clipping about Thomas Dodson, and it was terrible. He was in the same outfit as Mort Rosen, as Mort had mentioned him before. I wrote Mr. Dodson. I got two pictures from Nead today, and they sure were cute. Maybe I will have to look her up again sometimes. No, I am going to marry Ruth. Boy, wait till you see her. She is the finest girl I have ever been with, and a honey too, with a great personality. I got the pictures of Mother and Lynn and Priscilla, and I don't know Priscilla, but she sure is cute. M-m-m-m! Mother never takes a good picture. I also got the big pictures of you, and it is not so hot. Right? You had a funny expression.

I got the two letters of the 17th and 19th on the same day. It was an accident. I lost a lot of weight in the hospital, as I didn't eat for 4 straight days. I got another box from Daddy today, 3 cans of fruit and juice, and cherries, and they are fine. When you get my pictures be sure and take the negatives and make some as I took the ones of myself and sent them to friends (girls in other words). Right?

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

H. L. Bank

V-MAIL

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FROM

TO ~~ST. HIL~~ MISS LOTTIE BANK
3018-5TH ST.
TUSCALOOSA, ALA
U.S.A.

ST. HIL. BANK, 4046637
C.M., 167TH INF, A. COY.,
407.M., S. Fy CALIF.
12 NOV 44

Postmark and signature, address optional

D. E. J. SVP.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

WELL, TODAY THE GOOD OLD PLANE DROPPED US
SOME MAIL. I GOT 17 LETTERS, INCLUDING 10 FROM YOU
AND JADDY, THE LATEST DATED OCT 20TH. SURE WAS GLAD
TO HEAR FROM YOU! I GOT A LETTER FROM GRANDMA AND
SHE SENT ME A PICTURE OF HUNG MINNIE, JOAN, EVE,
AND ALBERT. THIS THE FIRST TIME I EVER SAW HUNG
MINNIE, AND SHE DON'T LOOK AT ALL LIKE THE REST OF
THE BANKS, RIGHT?

THEY'RE REALLY GOING INTO IN THE PHILIPPINES,
AND HOPE THEY TAKE IT IN A SHORT TIME, RIGHT?

LOTTIE, TODAY I SENT YOU A BOX OF BRACELETS,
BUT YOU WILL HAVE TO PUT A CATCH ON EACH ONE.
GIVE A NICE LARGE ONE, SINGLE, TO REGINA, THE 3
SMALLEST ONES TO EVELYN'S DAUGHTER, AND IDA AND
DOROTHY'S DAUGHTER. I'LL SEND ONE FOR LYNN SEEN
BE SURE AND PUT CATS ON THEM. KEEP THE DOUBLE
ONES FOR YOU AND MOTHER. OH, YEAH, THE MIDDLE SIZED
ONE GOES TO CHARLOTTE JOSEPH. I'LL MAKE SOME
MORE THIS WEEK. I HAVE TWO BOONKORS (CANE) FOR
JADDY, AND A PALA-PALA. I'LL SEND IT TO HIM
SOON, AND ALSO A PESO AND A SOPU, RIGHT?
AND ALSO A KATAMATUA! HUH?
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON! WE'RE LEAVING
HERE TUESDAY!

LOVE,

DADDY

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE
ADDRESS AT TOP?

REPLY BY
V...-MAIL

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE
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AIRMAIL

N. P.A.

COMBAT ZONE

VIA AIR MAIL

Miss LOTTIE BANK
3018- 5TH ST.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

HAND
CANCEL

BY

ARMY

U.S.



AMERICAN RED CROSS

15 NOV 44
N.E.T.

DEAREST LOTTIE;

I GOT 2 LETTER TO-DAY, AND ONE
ESTERDAY FROM YOU!

YESTERDAY MY REGIME ON THE
VETER DAY WE CAME
ALSO ENDED. WE CAME
ISLAND. I SURE

STAY

TO

BROUGHT

2 BOYS ALONG, AND WE DRESSED
THEM UP TO-DAY IN A FULL-DRRESS
KHAIRI UNIFORM, FROM HEAD TO FOOT.
THEY REALLY LOOK GOOD.

GUESS WHO CAME DOWN HERE TO
SEE ME TO-DAY? BILL DEAL, CAPT,
AND HE HAS LOST A LOT OF
WEIGHT, AND REALLY LOOKS GOOD.
HE'S ONLY ABOUT 4 MILE FROM ME,
AND I'LL GO DOWN TO SEE HIM
WHEN I GET BACK. WE SHOT
THE BULL FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS.

THIS MORNING I TYPED FOR
ANCHER, AND THIS AFTERNOON
STRAIGHTENED OUT SOME OF
THAT I JUST RECEIVED

FORM 539A



AMERICAN RED CROSS

AFTER 3 MONTHS. MY BARRACKS
BAG WAS LOST EN TRANSIT, WITH
LOT OF CLOTHES, BUT NO PERSONAL
THINGS, THANK GOODNESS! I HAD
PERSONAL THINGS
PROOFED.

PEPITE.

AWAY A

AL. WE HAD SPAGETTI.
YESTERDAY I GOT THE BOX
WITH 2 CANS OF CHERRIES, SYRUP,
AND 9 WATCH BANDS. SURE WAS
GOOD. THANKS A LOT.

LOTTIE, JAKE JUST SENT HIS
SISTER SOME NEGATIVES. PLEASE
CALL HER, SADIE OR THE OTHER, AND
HAVE A COPY MADE. AND YOU
GIVE HER A SET OF THE ONES
I TOLD YOU TO, BUT KEEP THE
NEGATIVES.

BE GOOD AND WRITE
SOON! PLEASE SEND SOME FOOD AND
A FRUIT-CAKE ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH

Love,

KEEP THIS MONEY Harold
ANY WAY!

FORM 539A

P.S.#2 - GOT A LETTER FROM LIPSON
TO - DAY, AND HE SAW SAMMY
JOSEPH IN ST. LOUIS RE-
CENTLY!

FROM

1000 LITTLE BARK
3015 5TH STREET
TALLADEGA, ALA.
U.S.A.

San H.L. BARK, 24X 4037
C.M. 167TH ST, B. BOX,
70 P.M. S.F. CALIF
17 NOV 44

(Sender's complete address above)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

M.F.Z.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

NO MAIL TO-DAY. I PACKED MY COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT THIS MORNING, AND SURE VIB GET HOT. THIS AFTERNOON I CAUGHT A RIDE, AND WENT DOWN AND BUMMED A 100 WATT BULB, SURE WAS GLAD TO GET IT.

MY BOY WENT TO THE SHOW BUT I HAVE ALREADY SEEN IT. "GOOD-BYE MR. CHIPS," LAST NIGHT I SAW A SHOW THE FIRST TIME IN MONTHS, BUNNY GOODMAN IN "SWEET AND LOW DOWN". IT WAS GOOD, ESPECIALLY THE SWING AND JIVE PART. SUNDAY NIGHT THEY ARE HAVING THE WORLD PREMIERE OF HUMPHREY BOGART IN "CONFLICT". IS THAT SUPPOSE TO BE A GOOD SHOW?

WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY WATER IN OUR SHOWER TO-DAY, AND NOT BRING IN A MOOD FOR PUTTING ANY IN THERE, I JUST TOOK A BATH IN THE BEACH, WHICH DON'T GET YOU SO CLEAN, BUT DOES COOL YOU OFF. WE HAVE THE NICEST SAND BEACH HERE THAT I HAVE SEEN IN THE SWPA. IT IS

A NICE, PINKISH, CLEAN SAND, NOT LIKE THE BLACK SAND IN NEW GUINEA. RI, GHP?

EVERYONE HAS GONE TO THE SHOW NOW, 6:45 PM, AND I'M SITTING IN THE CHAIRLY ROOM ALONE. WE HAVE ELECTRIC LIGHTS IN HERE, BUT TO-MORROW I SHALL PUT IN A LINE TO MY TENT, AS I'M NOW A CAPITALIST, FOR I HAVE A 100 WATT LIGHT BULB, VECTURING.

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?

REPLY BY
V---MAIL

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?

PLEASE WRITE TO SEN. HALL FOR A COPY OF THE "MISSING BELIEVES" BOOK IT CAREFULLY.

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

TO MISS LOTTIE BANK
3818 5TH STREET,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM

Sgt. H. L. BANK, 24H6637
Co. M, 167TH INF, 9, 20 84
P.O. My S.F., CALIF.
19 NOV 44

(Sender's complete address above)

M.E.I.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

NO MAIL TO-DAY, I FIXED UP SOME OF MY JUNK TO-DAY, AND MADE 3 MORE BRACELETS. THEY ARE FOR SOME FRIENDS OF MINE. I SENT YOU A BOX LAST WEEK WITH A FEW BRACELETS, WITH INSTRUCTIONS AS WHO TO GIVE THEM TO. RIGHT?

I GOT MY BOY, CELJUS, PRONOUNCED SELL SHOES, AN ENGLISH-MAYLAXAN BOOK, AND HE HAS BEEN STUDYING ALL-DAY, TRYING TO LEARN TO SPEAK ENGLISH. HE'S COMING ALONG O.K. I HAVE A BOOK, AND HAVE PICKED UP QUITE A FEW WORDS.

TO-DAY I BORROWED A CHAIR AND LARGE TABLE TO PUT IN MY TENT. WE HAVE A NICE TENT THAT WE WILL PUT UP TOMORROW IN OUR PERMANENT AREA. IT DON'T LEAK, LIKE THE ONE I HAVE NOW. AND THIS ONE LEAKS, FOR I SLEPT IN IT LAST NIGHT, AND IT RAINED. RIGHT?

PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD. GUESS WHO SENT ME A XMAS BOX? ROSALIE! HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? SHE WROTE ME A LONG LETTER, FOR HER HUSBAND IS OVERSEAS.

BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

Love,

Harold

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V...-MAIL

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(CENSOR STAMP)

TO MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM

Sgt. H. L. BANK, 20416637
Co. M, 167th Inf., A.P.O. 31,
c/o P.M., S.F., CALIF.
20 Nov 44

(Sender's complete address above)

N.E.E.

DEAREST LOTTIE:
WELL, NO MAIL TO-DAY, AS USUAL. I
MOVED MY TENT ABOUT 40 YARDS TO-DAY TO A
BETTER PLACE. WE ARE RIGHT NEXT TO THE KITCHEN
NOW!

WE HAVE A LARGE TABLE IN THE
TENT, A NATIVE TABLE THAT WE RENTED FOR.
OUR STAY HERE FOR 25¢. WE ONLY HAVE TWO
IN US IN THE TENT NOW, AS I SEE MY BOY AND
HIS BUDDY IN A TENT OF HIS OWN. HE LIKES IT
BETTER, SLEEPING WITH HIS BUDDY. HE IS MAD
AT ME BECAUSE I DON'T GIVE HIM A PACK
OF CIGARETTES EVERY DAY, AND CAN'T UNDERSTAND
THAT I HAVE NONE. SO A NECTUG! HE'LL FORGET
IT TO MORROW!

IT IS COOL TO-DAY. I JUST TOOK A NICE
SHOWER, IN THE SHOWER I HURRIDLY BUILT
THIS ART ORNIN. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD
BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

LOVE,
Harold

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V—MAIL

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FROM

MISS LOTTIE BANK
3018 5TH STREET
IVERALLOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

Sgt. H.L. BANK, 2071637
Co. M, 167th INF, A.R. 31,
Camp M., S. F., CALIF

22 NOV 44

(Sender's complete address above)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

DEAREST LOTTIE:

N.E.I.

WELL, NO MAIL TO-DAY. I WORKED TILL 2:30 THIS AFTERNOON ON MY WIRE, AS USUAL. EVERY DAY I KEEP THINKING THERE WILL BE NOTHING TO DO ON THE WIRE, BUT SOMETHING ALWAYS COMES UP. TO-DAY I HAD TO PUT IN A COUPLE OF SOCKETS, PATCH UP ABOUT 100 YARDS OF BROKEN WIRE, AND MOVE A PHONE, AND GOT UP THE WIRE TIGHT. NOW I USE NATIVES TO PUT THE WIRE UP IN THE TREES, AND IT SURE SAVES ME A LOT OF TIRESOME CLIMBING WITH THE POLE CLIMBERS, LIKE THE PHONE MEN USE AT HOME.

THIS AFTERNOON WE STARTED TO HAVE A SERIES OF HOUR LECTURES ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR OVER HERE. IT WAS VERY INTERESTING, AND I REVIEWED A LOT THINGS. THE OFFICER SPEAKING WAS A VERY GOOD AND INTERESTING SPEAKER, BUT MADE A FEW MISTAKES IN DATES, WHICH I RECALLY CAUGHT. SOME OF HIS PRONUNCIATIONS OF NAMES WERE ALSO SHOCKING, BUT I DON'T THINK MOST OF THE BOYS DIDN'T KNOW ANY DIFFERENT, SO WHO AM I TO CORRECT AN OFFICER? RIGHT?

I GOT ANOTHER WALKING STICK FOR DOODY TO-DAY, WHICH MAKES FOUR. I'LL SEND THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!
PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD! LOVE,

NANNA

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE
ADDRESS AT TOP?

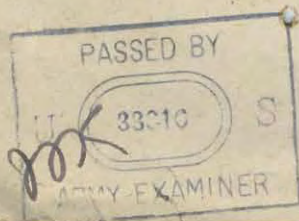
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V...-MAIL

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ADDRESS AT TOP?

JGT. H. L. BANK, 2 (663)
Co. M, 167 TH INF. APO 31,
C/O M, S.F., CA



MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STORE,
FUSPALDOSA, ALA.
U. S. A.



N.E.T.
6 DEC 44

DEAREST LOTTIE:

WELL, I GOT 2 LETTER FROM DADDY
TO-DAY, DATED NOV. 13. SURE GAD TO GET IT.

I HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY THE PAST
COUPLE OF DAYS. WE WORKED ON OUR
BOMB SHELTER TO-DAY, PUTTING MORE LOGS
ON IT AND A LOT OF SAND BAGS. IT IS
REALLY FIXED UP NOW, RIGHT BESIDE OUR
TENT, AND VERY DEEP. YOU SEE, I LIKE
A GOOD, STRONG SHELTER, RIGHT.

WE HAD OUR USUAL NIGHTLY AIR-
RAID LAST NIGHT, BUT NO DAMAGE. WE
CALL THE JAP PLANE "CHARLEY".

IT WAS PRETTY COOL TO-DAY, AND
SPRINKLED A LITTLE RAIN IN THE
AFTERNOON. I SPENT THE MORNING RE-
PAIRING ALL OF MY PHONES. HAD TO GO UP
TO REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AND
GET SOME SPARE PARTS. I'M REALLY
AN ELECTRICIAN, RIGHT?

BE GOOD AND WRITE, SOON!
PLEASE SEND ME SOME CANNED FOOD,
I LOVE,

P.S. TELL DADDY TO SELL THE CAR!
I DON'T LIKE THE COIN-BANK COMBINATIONS

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(POSTAGE STAMP)

To
MISS LOTTIE BANK
3418-67th St.
TOSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

From

ST. H. BENT, 1011 1/2
CITY 167th W. 1011 1/2

YORBA, S.F., CALIF.

29 Dec 44

(Date)

U.S.

DEAREST LOTTIE
WELL, ONLY 5 MORE SWAPPING DAYS I HAVE.
NO MORE YESTERDAY 109-10 AM. AS FOR
I DIDN'T WRITE YESTERDAY BECAUSE WE MOVED
TO A NEW AREA. BOY, IT WAS HOT AS THE HEAVEN
YESTERDAY, AND THE SUN WAS REALLY BEAMING DOWN
TO DAY'S PERSECUTION IS RUNNING DOWN ME
DOWNING NOW.

LOTTIE, PLEASE GET ME A BOOK OR BOOKS
WITH MALAY, JAPANESE, AND THE PHILIPPINE TRANS-
LATION IN IT. BE SURE IT HAS THE ENGLISH
TRANSLATION WITH IT, LIKE A DICTIONARY. RIGHT?

RIGHT NOW I'M SITTING UP OUT OF A
HILL ON A BOX UNDER A SHADY TREE, WITH
BEAUTIFUL SCENERY ALL AROUND.

FROM WHERE I AM SITUATED I CAN HEAR
OCCASIONALLY SOME SHOTS BEING FIRED IN THE
DISTANCE. JUST HOPE IT DON'T GET ANY CLOSER
RIGHT?

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, SO BE GOOD AND
WRITE SOON!

LOVE,
NAROLD

V-MAIL

Sgt. H.L. BANK, 20416637
Co. M, 167th INF, A.P.O. 31,
C/O P.M., S.F., CALIF.



AIRMAIL

MISS LOTTIE BANK
3028-5TH STREET,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.,
U.S.A.



21 DEC 44

N.E.I.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

WELL TO-DAY I GOT A LETTER FROM
EMANUEL, NAOMI, AND EVE HOFFMAN, AND
A REAL NICE SHAVING KIT, SWANK, AND
MONEYBELT FROM ROSALIE, AND A
GALLON CAN OF COOKIES AND 2 CANS
OF FRUIT FROM MOTHER. THE COOKIES
SURE ARE GOOD. SEND ME ANOTHER
CAN OF THE COOKIES. OH, YEAH, I
ALSO GOT A SEPT. 27/44 B'HAM. NEWS.
BE SURE AND SEND ME EVERY
CLIPPING YOU SEE ABOUT THIS
DIVISION OR THIS ISLAND. RIGHT?

IT RAINED YESTERDAY, AND SURE
WAS COLD LAST NIGHT, AND COOL
TO-DAY. I WAS ON GUARD THIS
MORNING 4 AM TILL 6 AM. I SLEPT
THROUGH BREAKFAST, THEN WENT
DOWN TO THE KITCHEN AND GOT A
CAN OF PINEAPPLE AND BREAD. SO
THAT WAS MY BREAKFAST FOR TO-
DAY. WE HAD BUTTERSCOTCH LAYER
CAKE FOR DINNER, AND I HAD TWO

12.
LARGE PIECES. SURE WAS GOOD.

I JUST FINISHED SEPT.
OMNI BOOK, AND AM STARTING ON
OCTOBER OMNI BOOK. IT'S A FINE
MAGAZINE. WALTER WINCHELL
MENTIONED IT IN THE PAPER

ONLY 3 MORE SHOPPING DAYS
TILL XMAS, AND I GUESS THIS WILL
BE THE WORST XMAS I'LL EVER
SPEND.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, SO BE
GOOD AND WRITE SOON.
PLEASE SEND ME MORE FOOD



Sgt. L. D. HARR, 2081 66 ST
Co. M, 167th INF, A.P.O. 311
2109 AM, SIFY CALIF.



AIRMAIL

Miss LOTTIE BANK
3018 5TH ST.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

PASSED BY

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

N.E.F.
27 DEC 44

DEAREST LOTTIE:

YESTERDAY I RECEIVED A LETTER
FROM YOU DATED DEC, 7, THE FIRST
IN A LONG TIME!

I DIDN'T WRITE YESTERDAY, BE-
CAUSE WE MOVED AGAIN, AND WALKED
ALL DAY! AND WHAT A WALK! I HOPE
I NEVER SPEND ANOTHER DAY LIKE
THAT. I HAD A PACK ON MY BACK
THAT WOULD BREAK A HORSE'S
BACK. WE CLIMBED MOUNTAINS
AND IT RAINED ALL DAY. WE WERE
FULL OF MUD ALL DAY. WE HAD
TO WADE ACROSS A WAIST DEEP
RIVER 10 TIMES, MANY TIMES
WALKING UPSTREAM IN SWIFT
WATER A FEW HUNDRED YARDS,
BECAUSE THE MOUNTAINS WERE
TOO HIGH AND STEEP TO GET
OUT OF THE WATER. BOY, I
WAS SO TIRED WHEN I
GOT HERE I LAID DOWN



AMERICAN RED CROSS

IN THE RIVER, CLOTHES AND
ALL. WE BUILT US A NICE
SHACK WITH BAMBOO, AND
SLEPT GOOD LAST NIGHT!

~~I~~ I SENT YOU A ROLL OF
FILMS A COUPLE OF DAYS
AGO, PLEASE SEND A COPY
TO MRS. ALVA MOORE, SAME
ADDRESS AS BEFORE. ~~THE~~ THAT
MAKES 3 ROLLS YOU SENT HER,
SO LET ME KNOW HOW MUCH
THEY COST! RIGHT?

LISTEN, YOU READ MORE ABOUT
THE WAR OVER HERE THAN I
DO, SO WHEN YOU SEE SOMETHING
IN THE PAPER, TELL ME ABOUT IT!
I STILL GET THE B'HAM. NEWS.
DON'T LET EITHER OF MY SUB-
SCRIPTIONS RUN OUT! RIGHT?



AMERICAN RED CROSS

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SURE SORRY TO HEAR OF
TOM CONWAY! YES, I KNEW HIM
WELL!

BE GOOD AND WRITE
SOON!

LOVE,

Noroll

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[CENSOR'S STAMP]

To Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Miss Lottie Bank
3018-7th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.

From

Sgt. H.L. Bank, 20416637

[Sender's name]

C/o M 167th Inf APO 31 4 PM

[Sender's address]

S.F., Calif.

30 Aug 44

[Date]

Dearest Mother, Daddy, and Lottie:

I didn't get any mail for two days, but am writing anyway. I was out all night last night, and came in at 7 AM, then had a detail all day. I am really tired now, and am going to sleep early. It rained all day, and really rained today. I took a shower a few minutes, and washed a few clothes.

On the 25th of this month, I was awarded the Expert Infantry Badge, and was one of about 20 in the company that was awarded it. It means, mostly, only a \$5.00 per month raise, and is retroactive to 1 Jan 44, which means I will draw \$40.00. Right?

The news in all theaters are looking good, and I think by the end of September the Germans will give up. You watch my prediction. And by the first of the year the Japs will give up. Right?

I guess you are back from Hot Springs and had a good rest. I bet you had a hard time finding merchandise in Chicago, though. Right? Hope you found all of the folks alright.

We had cake for supper, and we got a lot of in reserve, and tonight about 9 PM we will make some hot cocoa and have a feast. Right? We are eating a lot better than we used to now. It's a bit of alright.

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

V-MAIL

Sgt. H. L. BANK, 20416637
G. M. 167TH INF. A.P.O. 31,
C/O P. M. S. F., CALIF.

AIRMAIL
N.P.A.

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK

ARMY STORE,

FUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.



NETH. EA. INDIES

25 SEPT 44

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LOTTIE:

WE HAVE RECEIVED MAIL ONLY
ONE TIME SINCE WE GOT HERE, AND I GOT
FOUR LETTERS FROM YOU, DATED AUG. 26 TO
20TH.

IT'S HOT TO-DAY, & RAINED LAST
NIGHT, AS USUAL. I HAVE A NICE
TENT UP NOW, AND STAYED DRY.
WE HAVE AN AIR-RAID NEARLY
EVERY NIGHT, AND YOU OUGHT TO
SEE ME HIT THAT FOX-HOLE AT
100 MILES AN HOUR. ONE NIGHT I
GOT INTO THE FOX-HOLE FOUR TIMES.
THE JAP PLANES DO VERY LITTLE

- 2 -

DAMAGE, FOR WE SHOT THEM
DOWN, OR RUN THEM OFF. BOY
THAT ACK-ACK GOING UP AT NIGHT
IS BEAUTIFUL.

WE ARE MOVING TO ANOTHER
PLACE ON THE ISLAND TO-MORROW,
AND I SURE HATE TO LEAVE THIS
PLACE. I PUT OUT A FISHING LINE
IN THE RIVER, AND ALL I CAUGHT
WAS AN EEL. YESTERDAY, THE
RAIN WASHED THE BRIDGE AWAY
ACROSS THE RIVER, THAT WE HAD
BUILT, SO WE HAD TO WALK A
LOG 40 YDS. TO GET TO THE OTHER
SIDE FOR BREAKFAST. WELL, I

- 3 -

WAS MAKING IT O.K. TILL ABOUT HALF
WAY, AND THE BOYS SHOOK THE LOG,
AND I HAD TO DIVE IN WITH ALL
MY CLOTHES ON. BUT I GOT MY
BREAKFAST, AND A FREE BATH ALSO.

WELL, I HAVE TO GO SEE IF I
CAUGHT ANY FISH, SO BE GOOD, AND
WRITE SOON. PLEASE SEND ME SOME
CANNED MEATS, FRUITS, AND SARDINES,
MUSTARD, PICKLES, AND CAT SUP.

LOVE,

Harold



No.



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA. U.S.A.

From

Sgt. H.L. BANK, 2046637

(Sender's number)

Co M, 67th INF, A.P.C.

(Sender's address)

94 P.M., S.F., CALIF.

27 SEPT 44

(Date)

NETH. EA. I.D. 1015

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY & LOTTIE:

WELL, AT LAST TO-DAY WE GOT A LITTLE MAIL. I
GOT 3 LETTERS, TWO FROM YOU, DATED BOTH SEPT. 2.
ARE YOU STILL WRITING EVERY DAY? HOPE SO! I MISSED
WRITING YESTERDAY, BECAUSE WE MOVED ALL DAY. WE
HAD TO WALK ALL THE WAY, WITH WHAT FELT
LIKE A 500 LB. PARK ON MY BACK. I GUESS I
JUST CARRY MORE JUNK THAN ANYONE ELSE. RIGHT?
I NEARLY FELL OUT, AND DID COME IN 30 MIN. LATE,
AND THE C.O. DIDN'T LIKE IT A BIT!

LOTTIE, YOU SHOULDN'T GO TO MIAMI. IT IS JUST
AN INFATUATION. THEN LATER YOU WOULD TIRE OF IT,
LIKE YOUR OHIO TRIP! REMEMBER? STAY HOME A COUPLE
OF MONTHS, THEN LOOK AROUND BIHAM. FOR A JOB, A GOOD
ONE, THAT YOU WILL HAVE AFTER THE WAR. IF YOU DON'T
GET SITUATED NOW, IT WILL BE HARD TO GET A JOB
AFTER THE WAR. SO, LOTTIE, PLEASE LISTEN TO ME ONCE
AND GET A JOB IN BIHAM, EVEN IF YOU GO BACK TO YOUR
OLD JOB. AT LEAST IT IS STABLE. I LOVE YOU, LOTTIE.

LOVE, HARRY

V-MAIL

No.



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STRIP
TUSCALOOSA, ALA. U.S.A.

From

SAT. H. L. BANK, BOX 6637
(Sender's name)

C.M. 1678, W. P. C. 3
(Sender's address)

HARPER, S.F., CALIF.

28 SEPT 44

(Date)

NATH. EAST INDIES

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, LOTTIE

I RECEIVED 2 LETTERS FROM YOU YESTERDAY, & ONE FROM BUDD
BLERH. HOPE HE IS O.K. BY NOW.

LOTTIE PLEASE SEND ME A FEW RARE FOUNTAIN PENS.
TELL ME HOW MUCH YOU PAID FOR THEM. MAYBE YOU CAN GET
A DOZEN NEW ONES IN B'HAM. ALSO IF YOU CAN GET ME
A COUPLE OF CAMERAS, ANY SIZE OR KIND, SEND THEM
IMMEDIATELY IF YOU CAN SEND THE FINE FOR THEM.
GET THEM RIGHT AWAY.

DOES MOTHER USE THE COFFEE I GAVE HER XMAS?

SHE HAS BEEN USING IT ALL.

WE MOVED AGAIN TO MARION, AND HOPE IT IS THE LAST
TIME FOR A WHILE! WE HAVE NEARLY EVERY 2 DAYS HAD
ANOTHER BIG THUNDERSTORM, & YESTERDAY, LAST NIGHT, & THEY DID
A LITTLE DAMAGE, I THINK. DON'T KNOW HOW MANY WE SHOT
DOWN. WELL, I HOPE.

BOY, MY COMMUNICATION REALLY HAS BEEN WORKING FINE; BEEN
IN THIS POSITION. I HAVE NEVER FAILED TO GET A MESSAGE
THROUGH YET. I HOPE IT KEEPS UP. BUT I DON'T GET THE RECORD FOR
PLATION YET. SINCE ON THE FRONT DOES NOTHING WHILE I DO
ALL THE WORK, AND HE GETS THE PROMOTION! I'M DISAPPOINTED
I DON'T BELIEVE THE G.O. REALIZES MY POSITION. I'M DISAPPOINTED
BECAUSE I WANT TO GO ON.

V-MAIL

No.



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To
MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STORE
TUSCALOOSA, ALA., USA.

From
Sgt. H.L. BANK 20N6637
(Sender's name)
O.M. 167th IN.F.C. 31,
(Sender's address)
P.O. Box 5, F. CALIF.
30 SEPT 44
(Date)

North. E.A. INDIES

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY & LOTTIE:
WELL, TO-DAY WE GET MORE MAIL. SURE WE'LL BE
GLAD TO GET IT. WE MOVED YESTERDAY, ABOUT TWO
MILES, IN KNEE-DEEP MUD, WITH PACKS ON OUR BACKS.
IT WASN'T SO BAD, THOUGH! TO-DAY WE ARE CLEANING
OUT AN AREA IN THE JUNGLE ABOUT 100 YDS. SQUARE
TO LIVE IN, AND ALSO BUILDING BOMB-PROOF SHELTERS.
WE BUILD THEM OUT OF LARGE LOGS, AND IF A JAP
BOMB LANDED ON IT, IT WOULDN'T HURT ANYONE. WE
HAD ANOTHER AIR-RAID LAST NIGHT, BUT NO DAMAGE DONE,
AS USUAL.

IT'S HOT AS THE DEVIL TO-DAY. I BELIEVE
TO-DAY IS EVELYN OR CHARLOTTE'S BIRTHDAY, RIGHT?
I DREAMED ABOUT OSCAR LAST NIGHT!

IS SAMMIE STILL IN VA? HE NEVER ANSWERED
MY LAST LETTER! ARE YOU STILL WRITING BERT
EVERY WEEK? PLEASE, DO! WRITE SOON!

Love,

HARRY

V MAIL

Sgt. H. L. BANK, 204 6637
Co. M, 167TH INF. A.P.U. 31,
c/o P.M., S.F., CALIF.



10/21/44

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
Miss LOTTIE BANK
3018-5TH ST.

Larry

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

NETH. EA. INDIES
4 OCT 44

DEAREST MOTHER, PADDY & LOTTIE:
WELL, ANOTHER DAY AND A
VERY HARD ONE. I SPENT THE
DAY PUTTING IN A NEW LINE FOR
MY TELEPHONE, AND HAD A LOT
OF TROUBLE. A NEW COMPANY
MOVED IN, CUT DOWN TREES, AND
STARTED FIRES, WHICH BURNT
MY WIRES. SO I WOULD PUT
A NEW LINE IN, AND THE
SAME THING WOULD HAPPEN.
BOY # WAS HOT, AND FINALLY
GOT IT ALL FIXED UP, THANK
GOODNESS. I SURE DID CLIMB

- 2 -

SOME TREES TODAY WITH THE
TREE CLIMBERS. BOY YOU
OUGHT TO SEE ME CLIMB THE
TREES! JUST LIKE I USED TO DO
IN SEARLES.

THIS IS JAPANESE INVASION
MONEY THE JAPS ISSUE IN
ALL CONQUERED ISLANDS. OF
COURSE, IT HAS NO VALUE TO
THE NATIVES, FOR THEY HAVE
NO STORES TO BUY ANYTHING.
SAVE THEM FOR ME.

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON.

LOVE,
NAROLD



TO: Mrs. MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STORE
TUSCALOOSA, ALA., U.S.A.

FROM:
Sgt. H.L. BANK, 2046637
Co. M, 167th INFA. P.O. 31,
6th P.M., S.F., CALIF.
5 OCT 48
 (Sender's complete address above)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

DEAR REST MOTHER, DADDY, & LOTTIE:
 WELL, TO-DAY IS THURSDAY AND WEDNESDAY THERE,
 AND THE FIRST GAME OF THE WORLD'S SERIES. I HOPE
 THE BROWNS WIN, BUT BELIEVE THE CARDS WILL WIN.
 I HAD AN EASY DAY TO-DAY, JUST READING
 ALL DAY. IT WAS THE FIRST GOOD REST WE HAVE HAD
 SINCE WE HIT THIS ISLAND.
 IT'S HOT AS THE DEVIL TO-DAY, AND WE HAVE
 TO KEEP OUR SHIRTS ON ALL DAY, BECAUSE OF THE
 MOSQUITOES, WHICH ARE VERY SCARCE HERE. WE HARDLY
 GET ANY RAIN HERE, THANK GOODNESS!
 THE LAST LETTER I RECEIVED FROM YOU WAS
 MAILED SEPT. 11. HOPE WE GET SOME MAIL AND PACKAGES
 SOON.
 SAW MAJOR ROBY THE OTHER DAY. HE USED TO BE
 THE BOOKKEEPER IN ALLEN-JEMISON.

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON. PLEASE SEND ME
 DOZ. RONSON RED FLINTS FOR A LIGHTER, AND A FEW
 CANS OF GOOD SYRUP. THE USE HOME-MADE SYRUP, AND IT'S
 TERRIBLE!

LOVE,
H. L. Bank

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REPLY BY
V---MAIL

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE
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FROM

TO: MR & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STORE
TUSCALOOSA, ALA., U.S.A.

SAT. H. L. BANK, 20YH43D
C. M. 16TH INF. A.P.O. 34
S/P. M. S.F., CALIF.
6 OCT 44

(Sender's complete address above)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 3

NOTH. EA. I NDIES

DEAREST MOM & POP:

WELL, I HAVEN'T HEARD ANY MORE ABOUT FRANK.
GUESS HE'S ALRIGHT! RIGHT?

TODAY I BUILT A WASH RACK, THEN READ ALL
AFTERNOON. THEN I BUILT A SHOWER AND IT WORKS
WONDERFUL. ABOUT THE PARTY, MOTHER, I DON'T
KNOW ABOUT THE BUNCH.

I ASKED, MOTHER, ONLY NOT SAM; ~~MORRIS~~ ONLY
UP TO HARVEY, MORRIS, OR RATHER AFTER THEY
ARE IN.

THAT'S ALL SO BE GOOD, AND IF YOU
CAN'T UNDERSTAND ABOUT FRANK, ASK LOTTIE.
WRITE SOON!

LOVE,

Harold

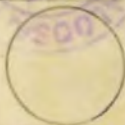
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(SENDER'S STAMP)

To MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA., U.S.A.

From

Sgt. H. L. BANK, 2014657
(Sender's Name)

C. M. 1674 / M. B. P. 34
(Sender's Address)

Sgt. M. S. F. CALIF.

7 CT 44

(Date)

DEAR MOTHER DADDY, LOTTIE:

NOTH. CA. INDIAN

I RECEIVED 3 LETTERS FROM YOU TODAY DATED SEP.
THIS, AND 16TH. BIG BOY, I DON'T BELIEVE YOU ARE WAITING
ME EVERYDAY. I WANT YOU TO WRITE ME. EVEN IF LOTTIE
WRITES ME ALSO. I ENJOY YOUR LETTERS, WITH KENS AND
DADDY HAVE MISSED THEM THE PAST MONTH. SO YOU WRITE DADDY
LOTTIE JUST SHOTS BULL AND TELLS ME ALL NEWS.

GOT A LETTER FROM ALBERT HARTMAN TO DAY. IT
AN EASY TIME TO-DAY. I TOOK 5 RADIOS DOWN TO BE TO BE
REPAIRED, AND MOVED INTO ANOTHER TENT. I'M IN THE 7TH
LOCATION SINCE WE GOT HERE. WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL LOCATION
ON A HILL AND RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A BANANA GROVE.

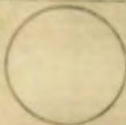
SURE GLAD THEY PASSED THE BILL THOMPSON BOMB.
I READ IT IN THE STATES, AND WORE THE ARMY TIMES.
AND THEY SAID IT HADN'T PASSED AS YET. TELL MATT
HELLO FOR ME. I SAW HIM AT THE SWIMMING POOL THERE
ON JUNE, 1943. MOTHER, I RECEIVED YOUR NOTE AND THANKS
A MILLION! HEARD YOU ARE WEARING A NEW HAIR-DO, AND
I KNOW IT LOOKS BEAUTIFUL. SO NOW DO ME A BIG FAVOR
AND BUY SOME NEW CLOTHES. WILL YOU? RIGHT? PLEASE
SEND ME SOME POWDER AND MUG, AND SOME TANNED CIGARS,
BUT NO TOBACCO.

PLEASE PICK OUT 3 GOOD PICTURES I HAVE SENT
YOU AND SEND THEM TO: MISS MARCIA FEINBERG, 447 WARD ST.
NEWTON CENTRE, MA. THANKS, AND TELL HER THAT THE FAMILY
ME, JUST ANOTHER GUY, AND WHAT IS A NAT. YOU GOT FOR MOTHER?
WE ARE FROM MAMMILL. WE ARE FROM MAMMILL. WE ARE FROM MAMMILL.

V-MAIL

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(KING'S STAMP)

To MR & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA., U.S.A.

From

ETHEL BANK, LONDON
(Sender's name)
G. M. 1674, NEW ARCADE
(Sender's address)
HOLM, S.F., CALIF.
8 Oct 44
(Date)

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY & LOTTIE:

WELL, TO-DAY IS SUNDAY, AND I JUST LOOKED
THIS AFTERNOON I WAS READING, AND 4 BOYS
WANTED ME TO PLAY POKER. NOT KNOWING ANYTHING
ABOUT THE GAME, I DIDN'T WANT TO. BUT TO SATISFY
THEM AND MAKE UP A GAME, I TOLD THEM IF I WOULD
LOAN ME \$5.00, I WOULD LOSE IT TO THEM
AND QUIT. SO WHEN I GOT AT SUPPER I WON
EVERYBODY'S MONEY AND WALKED AWAY WITH
\$140.00. NOT BAD FOR AN AMATEUR, HUH? SO THAT IS
THE END OF MY POKER PLAYING. I'LL BUY SOME
BONDS AS SOON AS I CAN, AND SEND IT HOME.

Boy, It's HOT TO-DAY!
BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

LOVE,
ETHEL

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(PERSON'S STAMP)

To

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STORE
TUSCALOOSA, ALA., U.S.A.

From

SGT. H.C. BANK, 20Y, 632

(Sender's name)

G.M. 165TH INF. A.P.C. 31

(Sender's address)

FARM, S.F., CALIF.

2 OCT 44

(Date)

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LOTTIE;

NETH. EA. I NOTICE

I GOT A LETTER FROM YOU POSTERDAY DATED 11 SEPT. ALSO DATED 30 AUG. YOUR LETTERS ARE GETTING BORING, LOTTIE. YOU DON'T TELL ME ANY NEWS ABOUT WHAT YOU AND TOWNS ARE DOING. DADDY WROTE MORE INTERESTING LETTERS.

I CAN'T GET ANYMORE AIRPLANES HERE. YESTERDAY I WENT BACK DOWN TO THE BEACH FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE "D" DAY. I DIDN'T KNOW HOW IT FEELS LIKE A LARGE RIVER NOW.

PLEASE SEND ME SOME OF THOSE LARGE BARS OF CHOCOLATE YOU GOT AT LIPPERTS. THE SALAMI WAS SPOILED, BUT COOKIES WERE GOOD. SEND ME SOME OF THOSE COOKIES IN A TIN CAN LIKE THOSE YOU USED TO SEND.

THE GIRL IN DAYTON IS FROM RICHDALE, MICH., THE SAME TOWN RUTH IS FROM AND WORKED AT 5 HELD UP WHEN I WAS THERE. SEND ME ANOTHER CARD. I LOST THE OTHER ONE IN MOVING HERE. RIGHT. SOME PERSONS HAS RE TINKER, AND IS COMING BACK HOME SOON.

LOTTIE, DON'T GO BACK TO MIAMI GOT A B'YMAN LUTHER. PLEASE SEND A CARD TO THESE PEOPLE, AND TELL THEM TO SEND A LIGHTER DIRECT TO MY ADDRESS: REGENTS LIGHTER CORP. 4-20 47TH AVE., L.I. CITY, L.I. 2, NY. THANKS AND HAVE SMILE.

LOVE,

Harold

V-MAIL

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[SENDER'S STAMP]

To

MR & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STATION
FUSCAL OOSA, ALA, U.S.A.

From

SGT. G. L. BANK 2046619

[Sender's name]

C. M. 16714 NF, APO. 31

[Sender's address]

614 P.M., S.F. CALIF.

11 MAY

[Date]

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LOTTIE:

WELL, I DIDN'T WRITE TO STEADY. I KEPT WAITING
FOR THE MAIL, BUT IT NEVER CAME IN.
I SPENT THE DAY READING AND SHOOTING
THE BULL.

WE ARE GETTING READY TO MOVE AGAIN.
BUT THANK GOODNESS IT IS FOR ONLY ABOUT 40
YARDS.

IT RAINED A LITTLE LAST NIGHT, AND
COOLED THINGS OFF. IT WAS WONDERFUL SLEEPING.
FOR A CHANGE WE DIDN'T HAVE AN AIR-RAID.
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

Love,

Harold

V-MAIL

No.

To Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Miss Lottie Bank,
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.

From

Sgt. H.L. Bank, 20416637

Co M 167th Inf APO 31 SFM

S.F., Calif.

12 Oct 44

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

(Date)

Dearest Mother, Daddy, and Lottie:

Well, yesterday and today I hit the jackpot and got 14 letters and 3 papers. The latest letter was 21 Sept and the latest paper was July/44. If you see anything in the paper, like you mentioned, about Gen. Persons in this operation, please send it to me, also the ones you mentioned about the invasion of this island. You hit it on the head Lottie, if you are going to work in the store and get paid for it, why don't you work 6 days a week, and not take off for Atlanta and Montgomery every other week? You are taking advantage of Daddy by travelling around on his money. I think that is a dippy thing to do. I got a letter from a Mrs. Hallman from Seabees that her brother got killed. I know where he got killed and buried, but can't say anything about it at this time. I will tell you about it later. Tell her I will try and find out some of the circumstances, as soon as I can get down to his old outfit and find out.

It is hot as the devil now, and we have to keep our shirts on all day long, and that is rough. We are really used to the heat now, and I'll bet you would die here now, until you get used to it. It is cool at night, and a blanket sure does feel wonderful. We didn't have an air raid threat 2 nights, but I was ready for it anyway. You ought to see me hit the fox hole with my gun and steel-helmet and only undershorts on, as soon as the alarm goes on. I do it in one jump. The Japs very seldom do any damage, and always get shot down. Send me some canned food, but I haven't any stamps, don't send it. I have asked for a lot of different things, not food, and they don't take stamps, yet you don't send them. Why? Please send me every article about this Division and invasion, as it takes over 3 months to get the papers here. Right? Sure was sorry to see where the Postman's son, Kissiah, and Capt. Leon Muthenance got killed. Too bad! Why did Mother give you so much money in her will? Please register my Power of Attorney immediately. Hear? I increased my allotment to the Bank to \$50.00 a month, as I received the Combat Infantry Badge on the 25th of September, which pays me \$10.00 more a month. Amaloff!

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

H. L. Bank

[Handwritten mark]

V-MAIL

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MR. & MRS. SAM DANA
Miss Lottie DANA
3018 - 5TH STREET
TUSCALOOSA, ALA., U.S.A.

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SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sanster's complete address withheld)

TO DAY IS FRIDAY 13TH AND WE MADE ANOTHER
EXCURSION AND MET NO OBSTACLES AT ALL, I HAVE GOODNESS!
IT IS A BEAUTIFUL ISLAND, ALL FULL OF COCONUTS
AND BANANAS, VERY SWEET AND GOOD. WE SURE HAVE A GOOD
SET OF HERE.

Get up here.
It is now 6 PM, AND I JUST WENT IN SWIMMING
AND WAS NEAR THE SWIM WAS HIT COMING OVER. I
PLAYED CASINO THE WHOLE TIME.
I HAD MORNING OR ~~REALLY~~ NO! FOR ROBERT ANDERSON
ON EIGHT'S. THE HEAVY IRONY RECEIVED BY YOU DOES ASK
YOU SO. YOU WILL AGREE ABOUT RECENT.

You So.
 Right? I THINK YOU WILL AGREE ABOUT ROBERT.
 WE ARE RIGHT ON THE BEACH, AND THE SEAN BREEZE IS
 SURE BLOWING. SURE FEELS GOOD.
 YOU WILL GET MAIL ONLY ONCE A WEEK FROM NOW
 ON AS THAT IS THE ONLY TIME IT GOES OUT. HOWEVER I
 WILL CONTINUE TO WRITE EVERYDAY.

1. If You Want To Read Something Good, Get June/xx
Fortune, AND READ ALL DATE, ITS IN JAPAN!
Be Good AND WARE SOON!

Love,
Nancy

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FROM

TO
MR & MRS JAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STORE,
FUSCALPACA, ALA, U.S.A.

Sgt. H. L. BANK, 2046637

C. H. 167TH INF, APO 31, SAN
F. CALIF.

15 OCT 44

(Sender's complete address above)

(RECEIVER'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

METH. EAST TIMES

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY & LOTTIE:
WELL, ANOTHER DAY AND A NICE ONE, TOO. I WENT FISHING TWO
MORNINGS, BUT DIDN'T HAVE ANY LUCK. DADDY, PLEASE SEND ME
SOME FISHING LINE, HOOKS, DIFFERENT SIZES, SMALL FLYS, SINKERS, AND
COCA FLOPPERS SEND IT RIGHT AWAY! RIGHT!

FOLKS, THIS IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ISLAND I EVER SAW. IT
IS A TYPICAL SOUTH SEA ISLAND, JUST LIKE YOU SEE IN THE MOVIES.
THE NATIVES DO OUR WORK, DIG HILLS, WASH OLIVINE, CLEAR OUT THE
JUNGLE, AND KP* FOR US. THEY WORK FOR 3 CIGARETTES A DAY.
SHOW US HOW TO FISH, AND TAKE US RIDING IN THEIR CANOE BUT
WELL-BUILT ROW BOAT. THEY ARE VERY FRIENDLY, AND MUCH MORE
FRIENDLY AND INTELLIGENT THAN THOSE IN NEW GUINEA. THERE ARE MANY
COCONUT TREES ALL OVER, AND PAPAYA, PINEAPPLE, AND BANANA TREES.
WE GET SUPPLIES AND MAIL ONCE A WEEK, AND SEND OUT
MAIL ONCE A WEEK.

A RIVER FLOWS BY OUR AREA, AND WE SWIM AND WASH IN
IT. IT FLOWS SLOWLY, AND HAS BEAUTIFUL OVER-HANGING TREES AND
PALM TREES, WHICH MAKE IT BEAUTIFUL. WE CAN'T SWIM IN THE
OCEAN, BECAUSE THE CORAL REEF IS TOO ROUGH, WITH THE WAVES
COMING IN ALL THE TIME. WE ARE ON THE BEACH, AND A BREEZE
BLOWS ALL DAY AND NIGHT. WE USE 2 BLANKETS AT NIGHT.
WE EAT REAL GOOD, AND REALLY HAD SOME GOOD PIE LAST NIGHT.
I MEAN THIS IS A WHITE MAN'S DREAM AND PARADISE. I DON'T READ IN
THE NEWS ALL DAY, AND AM DOING A LOT OF READING, AND AM LEARNING
TO TALK MALAYNESE TO THE NATIVES. WHITE SON!

LOVE,
HAROLD

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V...-MAIL

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TO MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
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Sgt. H.L. BANK, 20416637
C. M., 1674 INF. APO 31,
C/O P.M., S. F., CALIF.

20 OCT 44

(Sender's complete address when)

N. E. T.
7:10 P.M.

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LOTTIE:
WELL, FOLKS, TO-DAY TOM ROSE ANNOUNCED THAT
WE HAD HIT THE PHILIPPINES. I'M SO HAPPY I COULD
HOLLER. FOR ALL I KNOW BY THIS TIME THEY MAY
HAVE BEAT BACK ALREADY ON THE WAY BACK TO THE
STATES. I SURE HOPE SO! AS SOON AS YOU HEAR,
BE SURE AND WIRE ME AT "AMGES" AND MY
USUAL ADDRESS. RIGHT.

I TOOK A ZIP A FEW MINUTES AGO, AND SURE
FEEL GOOD. I GOT ME A 5-CELL BLINKER LIGHT THAT
IS USED TO SEND CODE SIGNALS AND TOOK OFF ALL THE
JUNK, AND MADE ME A GOOD LAMP, HUNG IT UP
IN MY 3-MAN TENT, AND NOW IT IS A ELECTRICALLY
LIGHTED TENT. YOU KNOW HOW A 5 BATTERY FLASHLIGHT
SHINES.

GUESS WHO I GOT A NEW YEAR'S CARD FROM?
NONE OTHER THAN MRS. MEYER FROM JACKSONVILLE,
FLA. REMEMBER HER?

I WISH YOU WOULD PUT AN AIR-MAIL ENVELOPE IN
EACH OF YOUR LETTERS, LOTTIE. WE CAN'T GET THEM. SO YOU ALWAYS
WRITE ME AIR-MAIL AND DADDY WRITE "V-MAIL". SAW
THE CUTEST NATIVE GIRL TO-DAY I HAVE SEEN. UM-M-H!
PLEASE SEND ME SOME CANNED PEACHES, TUNA-FISH, CANS
STUPPED WITH CHERRIES, SARDINES. RIGHT?

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

LOVE,

H. L. BANK

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SAT. H. L. BANK, 20916632
CA. H. 167TH INF. A. P. O. 3,
40PM, S. F., CALIF.

21 OCT 44

(Sender's complete address above)

N.E. 2.

DEAREST MOTHER DADDY, & LOTTIE:

WELL, TO-DAY, IE, THIS MORNING I HAD 6 MEN
JIGGING A LARKINE. THIS AFTERNOON I WENT SWIMMING
AND HUNTING FOR SHELLS. I FOUND SOME PRETTY ONES.
I'LL SEND YOU SOME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IT IS NOW 7:45 P.M. AND WE JUST HAD OUR FIRST
AIR-RAID SINCE WE IN THIS POST. NOTHING TO IT, THOUGH.
WE HAD ONE OF OUR VERY RARE RAINS, A SLIGHT

SYNCHRO. WE HAVE WONDERFUL WEATHER HERE. THE NATION
CHIEF PAID US ONE OF HIS RARE VISITS IN DAY. HE CAME
OVER TO GET A SORE DANDAGED. WE DANDAGE ABOUT 200
TO 300 NATIVES A DAY, AND GIVE THEM SHOES, ALSO.
THERE ARE A LOT OF SICK ONES, AND MOST ARE REAL
+ HIN, WITH BIG BOLLIES FROM MALARIA. BUT MY NO. 2
BOY IS A VERY CLEAN & HEALTHY BOY, AND SMART AS A
WHIP. HE CAN READ & WRITE MAKERNESE AND DUTCH
AND ENGLISH. HE WANTS TO COME BACK TO U.S. WITH
ME, AND I WISH I COULD TAKE HIM. RIGHT?
A COUPLE OF THE BOYS WENT FISHING TO-DAY
AND USED ONE BLAST OF T.N.T. AND KILLED ENOUGH
FOR THE WHOLE OUTFIT FOR SUPPER. IT SURE WAS
TASTY.

I WROTE MANUEL A LONG LETTER YESTERDAY. HE
SURE WRITES INTERESTING LETTERS, AND I ENJOY THEM
A LOT.

BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

LOVE,

MANUEL

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MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA. U.S.A.

FROM

Sgt. H. L. BANK, 20416637
G. M. 1674 INF. A.P.O. 31,
S.F. M., S.F., CALIF.

22 OCT 44

(SENDER'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LOTTIE: N.E.T.

WELL, A PLANE DROPPED OUR MAIL TO DAY AND I
GOT 21. SOME BUNCH, HUN? I GOT 11 FROM YOU, DATED
Aug. 24 TO OCT 3/44.

I READ ALL MORNING, AND WENT SWIMMING THIS
AFTERNOON, AND FOUND SOME PRETTY SHELLS. I WROTE
AUNT ANNIE A LONG LETTER YESTERDAY, GOT TWO LETTERS
FROM LES POTTER, IN ITALY WHO DID YOU HAVE DINNER WITH
IN CHICAGO? THE WALSONS, IT LOOKS LIKE! DID YOU GO TO
KANSAS CITY? I HAVE NO BANK BOOK AND NEVER HAD ONE.
FILE MY POWER OF ATTORNEY! IS DAY! PLEASE SEND ME THE
BOX OF HAWAIIAN WITH A WOODEN TOY. KARTZEL CAN GET
IT FOR YOU!

SURE SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT BRUCE MARSON. HE SURE
WAS A NICE FELLOW. WE HAVE NO SHOWS HERE NOW. TOKYO
ROSE IS A WOMAN IN JAPAN THAT BROADCASTS PHOTOGRAPHY
AND GOOD SWING MUSIC EVERY DAY. IT'S A GOOD PROGRAM. SHE WEL-
COMED THIS DIVISION TO N.G. WHEN WE ARRIVED. LOOK IN N.H.M.
FOR THOSE FILM ROLLERS. RIGHT? WHEN I CAN, I WILL GET
SOMETHING. BUT YOU CAN'T BUY FROM TREES CAN YOU? SORRY
HEAR ABOUT ED GLASS. DID YOU SEE ANYONE IN MONTGOMERY
THAT I KNOW?

I'M TRYING TO LEARN TO MAKE A NECKLACE FROM THE
NATIVES, AND IT IS HARD GOING! BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON.

Love,

Hank

PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD!

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REPLY BY
V...-MAIL

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FROM

TO: MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA., U.S.A.

Sgt. H.L. BANK 204632

C. M. 167TH INF. H.R. 34

54 P. M., S. Fy CALIF.

24 OCT 41

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LOTTIE:

U.S.A.

WELL, TO SAY I DO A LITTLE OF NOTHING! I HAD TO
FIX A COUPLE OF PHONE LINES THAT WERE BROKEN
WHEN A BULL DOZIER PUSHED SOME TREES DOWN,
DARN IT.

I JUST READ THE DEMOBILIZATION BILL, &
I WILL HAVE A HIGH PRIORITY. I HAVE LENGTH OF
SERVICE, OVER-SEAS SERVICE, AND 2 STARS FOR COMBAT.
SO I GUESS I OUGHT TO BE AMONG THE FIRST TO
GET OUT. I SURE HOPE SO!

I'M WAITING NOW TILL IT GETS DARK, SO I
CAN TAKE A SHOWER. THERE ARE TOO MANY WOMEN
AROUND IN THE DAYTIME I GOT MY SHOWER ALL
COMPLETED TO-DAY, FLOOR-BOARD ET AL.

IT IS NOW 6:05 P.M., AND IT IS RAINING
OUTSIDE. IT JUST SPRINKLES HERE, NEVER RAINS
VERY HARD!

WHATEVER THE MATTER YOU COULDN'T GET THAT
MAN TO KEEP THAT SADDLE, JUST BECAUSE IT DIDN'T
FIT HIS REAR END, HUH?

BE GOOD & WASH SOON! YESTERDAY DOZED EVERYONE
AND TOOK SOME EXERCISE AND WENT SOME WEIGHTS ABOY
MADE, AND TO-DAY I'M SO SORE I CAN HARDLY MOVE.

Love,
Harold

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FROM

TO: MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STORE
TUSCALOOSA, ALA., U.S.A.

Sgt. H. L. BANK 20416637
C. M. 167th INF., A.P.O. 31,
Camp M., S.F., CALIF.

25 OCT 44

(Sender's complete address above)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

M.E.F.

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LOTTIE:

I GOT 4 LETTERS FROM YOU TO-DAY, DATED OCT. 4, 5, & 6. THE PLANE DROPPED IT TO US. I STILL HAVEN'T RECEIVED A FIFTH. WHEN I ASKED FOR 6 MONTHS! AREN'T THERE ANYMORE PENS LEFT IN THE U.S.A?

LOTTIE, YOU'RE DOING THE WRONG THING BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF DADDY'S GENEROSITY BY USING HIS MONEY TO TRAVEL AROUND AND HAVE A GOOD TIME. NOW IS THE TIME TO WORK FOR THE BOYS OVERSEAS GIVING THEM LIVES, WHILE YOU'RE TRAVELING AROUND ON A CONTINUOUS VACATION ON SOMEONE ELSE'S MONEY. I KNOW YOU DON'T SAVE A DIME IN 4 YEARS IN CHINA, AND FURTHERMORE DADDY NEEDS YOU MORE THAN EVER NOW, AND YOU DON'T EVEN STAY THERE TO HELP HIM. DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT THE MORE YOU STAY IN THE STORE THE MORE ROBT DADDY & MOTHER CAN GET. YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF, AND GO HOME IN A HURRY. THE IDEA, TRAVELING DURING THESE TIMES WHEN ALL OF THESE BOYS ARE SUFFERING, AND TRAIN SPACE IS SO BADLY NEEDED TO TAKE INJURED SOLDIERS NEARER HOME. WAIT TILL I TELL BERT ABOUT IT. HOW DO I THINK HE'LL FEEL GOING THRU WHAT HE HAS. I AM ASHAMED TO TELL PEOPLE MY SISTER WOULD DO A THING LIKE THAT!

LOVE,

Harold

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MISS LOTTIE BANK
3012 5TH STREET
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Sgt. H.L. BANK, 2046637
C. M. 167th INF. A.P. 31
96 P. M. S. F. CALIF.
26 OCT 44

(Sender's complete address if available)

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LOTTIE:

N.E.T. 5:50 P.M.

NO MAIL TO-DAY, DEAR! I WORKED ALL MORNING
PUTTING A NEW PHONE LINE UP. I GOT TIRED OF PATCHING
UP WIRE EVERYDAY WHICH HAD BEEN BROKEN BY FALLING
LIMBS, TREES, & CACTUS. SO I BORROWED SOME HEAVIER
WIRE & PUT IT UP, AND IT WORKS BETTER NOW. I'LL FINISH
IT TO-MORROW.

I JUST FINISHED TAKING MY EXERCISE BY LIFTING
THE WEIGHTS, 90 LBS., A NUMBER OF TIMES. IT IS NOW
RAINING OUTSIDE, AND THE SUN IS SHINING! MOTHER, ARE
ALL THE WINDOWS DOWN? HURRY BETTER CALL HOME & SEE:

TO-NIGHT WE HAD A REAL FISH DINNER. SOME
OF THE BOYS TOOK SOME TIME AND SET IT OFF IN THE
OCEAN, A NATIVE BOY DROVE DOWN AND GOT 2-50 GAL
CANS FULL OF 40 POUNDERS. WE HAD ALL WE
WANTED, WITH A GOOD SAUCE, CARROTS & PEAS, PINEAPPLE
POTATOES, & HOT BISCUITS. IT WAS WONDERFUL! WE HAD SO
MUCH, THAT THE COOKS JUST CUT OFF THE SIDE STEAKS, AND
GAVE THE REST TO THE NATIVES!

SAMMY NEVER ANSWERED MY LAST LETTER, WHAT CAN
IT BE IN? SEND ME HIS NEW ADDRESS, WILL YOU? SOMETHING
ARE REPAIRING THE STREET FOR THE ARMY STORE, HUNT
I WANT A FOUNTAIN PEN! I'LL DON'T FORGET TO SEND
ME ALL CLIPPINGS ABOUT 31ST DIV. IN THE PAPER, RIGHT?
THAT'S ALL SO BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

LOVE,

Harold

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TO: MRS. MRS. SAM BARK
1100 BARKER BARK
5700 5TH ST.
TULALOOSE, ALA. U.S.A.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM

ST. H. L. BARK, 2046632
G. M. 107TH INF. A.P.C.
S.P.M., S.F., CALIF.

30 OCT 44

(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, ALITTLE:

N.E.T.

NO MAIL T-DAY, BUT EXPECT SOME T-MORROW, FOR
WE HAD WISH T-NIGHT, AND IT WERE WAS GOOD!

I SPENT THE WHOLE DAY WORKING ON A NECKLACE,
MADE FROM SHELLS. IT IS REALLY LOOKING GOOD. I'LL
TRY TO SEND IT TO YOU REAL SOON! I'M MAKING A
LOT OF THEM! YOU HAVE TO BURY THE SHELLS FOR A
WEEK SO THE ANTS WILL EAT THE SMALL MUSCLES OUT
OF THEM. THEN WE WASH THEM IN HOT SOAPY WATER
TO GET THE SMALL OUT. THEN THEY ARE READY!

I'LL HAVE TO MAKE THIS VERY SHORT, SO AS I
GET IT CENSORED FOR LEAVING T-MORROW!

MY NO. 1 BOY IS BRINGING ME A NICE CANE
FOR YOU, DADDY! I'LL SEND IT TO YOU SOON!

BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

LOVE,
Nard

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NO. 4

TO MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA., U.S.A.

FROM

ST. H. L. BANK 28416637
Q. M., 1677 1/2 INF. A. P. 13,
4 P. M., S. F., CALIF.
31 OCT 48

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

N. E. I.

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LOTTIE:

WELL, THE SUPPLY BENT CAME IN TO-DAY, AND I GOT 3 LETTERS, 2 PAPERS, AND 2 PACKAGES FROM YOU. NO MAIL FROM YOU! THE PACKAGE HAD 2 LB. OF TOBACCO, 4 ROLLS OF FILM, & A CAN OF PINEAPPLE. THE OTHER HAD 3 BOXES OF FRUIT CANDY, FROM MIAMI, I THINK IT WAS NO GOOD I DIDN'T LIKE IT! THE TOBACCO WASN'T "BIG BEN" THAT I ASKED FOR! RIGHT? BUT THANKS A LOT ANYWAY. DON'T SEND MORE TOBACCO TILL I ASK FOR IT! RIGHT? I NOTICE YOU'RE ADVERTISING SOME COMBINETS FOR 49¢! WHAT ARE THEY? NEVER HEARD OF THEM! YOU MIGHT TO CHANGE ADS ONCE IN A WHILE! I GOT THE POWER OF ATTORNEY SIGNED TO-DAY. WHY DIDN'T FOOT? SIGN IT? HUH?

SORRY TO SEE EUGENE HARRY GOT KILLED! IT'S ROUGH!

IT HAS BEEN COOL ALL DAY, AND LOOKS LIKE RAIN! I BUILT ME A CABINET TO-DAY WITH 3 SHELVES TO KEEP MY JUNK IN! RIGHT? PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD!

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

Love,

HARRY

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(Sender's complete address follows)

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DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LOTTIE:

ABOUT GEN. PEARSON'S RECEIVING THE DSM MEDAL. HEARING

My Day Brought Me The Walking Stick
To-day And Boy, It's A Beauty! Hope I Can Find
Something To Pack It In To Ship It Home In! I
Will!

A SOLDIER IS REPORTED TO HAVE OFFERED
HIS GIRL FRIEND A SCOTCH AND SODA. SHE REPLIED
THE DEVIL SENDS THE WIND
TO BLOW OUR SKIRTS SKY HIGH,
BUT FATE IS JUST AND SENDS THE DUCK
TO BLIND THE BAD MEN'S EYE!

Be Good & write soon;

Love,

Harold

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7 Nov 44
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10 MR. & MRS. SAM BANG
Miss Lottie BANG
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA., U.S.A.

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LITTLE:

N. E. T.

Well, No MAIL TO DAY. IT RAINED A LITTLE THE
MORNING, AND THREATENED TO RAIN ALL AFTERNOON.

1. SAY WE GOT READY FOR THE BI-ANNUAL INSPECTION ALL MORNING, AND WAITED ALL AFTERNOON FOR THE INSPECTORS TO COME, BUT THEY DIDN'T SHOW UP. MUST LIKE THE ARMY, WAIT FOR NOTHING! WE THOUGHT WHEN WE LEFT THE STATES THAT WE WERE THROUGH WITH INSPECTIONS, BUT WE HAVE MORE WORK HERE THAN IN THE STATES. THE BOYS USED TO ALWAYS SAY THAT WE WOULD TAKE TIME OFF ON THE FRONT LINES AND HAVE AN INSPECTION, AND DARN IF WE PRACTICALLY DIDN'T DO JUST THAT.

WE DON'T HEARD ON THE RADIO THAT HONORABLE
WON THE ELECTION BY OVER 2 MILLION. I WAS WONDER-
ING IF HE OR JENNEY TOOK N.Y. STATE! PLEASE
LET ME KNOW!

I'm out of batteries at present and am
using a beer bottle and can with a cork
which makes a good light. Please get
me a real good kymoid or better pipe.
I broke mine, and need another, but a large
stool pipe, please send me some food.
Love,
The Girl & Write Soon.

Love,
Mabel

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SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 3

FROM

TO: MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STORE
TOSCALOOSA, ALA., U.S.A.

Sgt. H. L. BANK, 2046657
Co. M, 165TH INF. A.P.C.,
40 P.M., S. F., CALIF.
9 Nov 44

(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LOTTIE:

WELL, NO MAIL TO DAY. WELL, I HAD A NEW DUTY ADDED TO MY OTHER DUTIES TO-DAY. OUR DAY ROOM WAS COMPLETED TO DAY, SO I WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF IT AS DAY ROOM NCO. AS WE ARE AWAY FROM THE COMPANY I'M ALSO ACTING MAIL ORDERLY AND OF COURSE, COMMUNICATION NCO. SO TO-DAY, I STARTED WORKING ON THE DAY ROOM; BUILT A WATER-PROOF MAIL BOX, BULLETIN BOARD, NOTICES UP, AND COLLECTED A LOT OF MAGAZINES, PAPERS, AND BOOKS AND PUT THEM ALL IN THE ROOM. NOW WE HAVE TWO LARGE READING TABLES WITH SEATS ON BOTH SIDES, A LARGE MAGAZINE TABLE, AND ALL WERE BUILT BY THE NATIVES WITHOUT A NAIL! IT'S WONDERFUL! THE TOP IS MADE WITH ROWS OF LONG LEAVES, AND REALLY LOOKS NICE. THERE ARE NO SIDES, JUST A NEAT RAIL AROUND IT WITH BAMBBOO STICKS GOING UP & DOWN EVERY 6 INCHES. WE ARE SUPPOSED TO GET ELECTRIC LIGHTS, VICTROLA, AND RADIO. IT WILL BE NICE WHEN WE GET IT ALL FIXED UP.

I CLEANED UP SOMEWHERE OF MY SHELLS TO-DAY, AND REALLY HAVE A BUNCH OF THEM NOW. I STILL HAVE A LOT YET TO BE CLEANED. SO BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

Love,

Natd

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TO: MRS. MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
3012-5TH STREET,
VIRAL CO. SA, ALA., U.S.A.

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FROM

Sgt. H. L. BANK, 204637
C. M. 16714 INF. B. P. O. 3,
40 P. M., S. F., CALIF.
11 Nov 44

(Sender's complete address above)

N. E. I.

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LITTLE:
WELL, NO MAIL TO-DAY FOR US. THIS MORNING
I TOOK 6 MEN AND HAULED SOME ROCKS TO PUT ON OUR
MUDDY ROAD. WE HAD TO TAKE OUT ALL OF OUR JUNK
TODAY, SO MY BOY COULD PUT A FLOOR IN OUR TENT.
IT SURE LOOKS GOOD NOW. YOU OUGHT TO SEE HOW THEY
MAKE A FLOOR! THEY JUST SPLIT THE LAMBOO LENGTH-
WISE, BUT NOT APART, AND USE VINES TO HOLD IT DOWN.
IT IS REALLY SLICK.

THIS AFTERNOON I READ AN AUGUST READER'S
DIGEST, TOOK AN HOUR'S EXERCISE WITH WEIGHTS, THEN
A SWIM IN THE OCEAN, THEN A DARN GOOD & LARGE
SUPPER. THE BOYS WENT FISHING TO-DAY, AND CAUGHT A
LOT OF GOOD FISH, AND WITH A GOOD HOT LAUCE AND
ALSO APPLE PIE. OH! WHEN WE GO FISHING, WE USE
"TNT," AND TAKE A COUPLE OF NATIVES TO DIVE FOR
THE DEAD FISH THAT DON'T COME TO THE SURFACE.
WHEN THE DYNAMITE GOES OFF, THEN ABOUT 20
NATIVES IN BOATS COME RUNNING TO DIVE FOR FISH
FOR THEMSELVES AND THEY THEREFORE GET MORE
FISH THAN WE DO. BUT THAT'S THE WAY IT GOES,
HERE TO-DAY, AND GONE TO-MORROW! NECTUCUTUG!
A PART? IT'S GOOD & WHITE SOON!

Love,

Harold

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TO MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STORE,
1 USCALOOSA, ALA., U.S.A.

From

Sgt. H. L. BANK 2046637
(Sender's name)
Co. M, 167th Inf. A.D.C.
(Sender's address)
P.O. Box 1, S.F., CALIF.

(Date)

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LOTTIE:

WED. EA 1918

WELL, FOLKS, I JUST FOUND OUT YESTERDAY THAT
LAST WEEK WAS THE HOLIDAYS. LAST ROSA HANNAH
I WAS IN N.Y. REMEMBER? SO, MAZALTOFF, AND HAPPY
NEW YEAR, AND I HOPE NEXT YEAR THIS TIME, WE WILL ALL
BE TO-GETHER ENJOYING CAPINTY³ FISH. RIGHT?

TODAY, AS USUAL, WE MOVED 2 MILES, FOR THE 2ND
TIME IN 2 WEEKS. BUT IT WAS A PRETTY EASY MOVE,
BECAUSE WE ROAD HERE. AS SOON AS I GOT HERE,
MY ASSISTANT AND I HAD TO LUG A LARGE REEL
OF WIRE DOWN ABOUT A MILE TO BN. HQ. FOR A
PHONE. IT TAKES 2 MEN TO CARRY IT, AND ALL
WIRE HAS TO BE PUT HIGH IN TREES TO KEEP
TRUCKS FROM BREAKING IT.

BOY, IT'S HOT TODAY, AND WE ARE ONLY 1/2
MILE FROM THE BEACH. BUT THE BEACH IS NO GOOD,
BE CAUSE IT HAS CORAL ROCK ALL OVER IT.

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON! LOVE,

Harold

Post. Harold L. Bank
Co M 167th Inf APO 31
Camp Pickett, Va..



Mrs & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Sunday nite-

Dearest Mother, Diddy, & Lottie:

I received your card today, and sure was glad to hear from you once again. Thanks for the copy of the code. I sure hope Mother is feeling alright now. Daddy, you said you were going to the dentist Xmas day and have your teeth fixed. Did you go? Let me know. Right?

I put a call in for home there tonight, but it never came through. Hope it comes through later on in the night. When you ever get a call in for me; you call me back at 167th Infantry Headquarters. You see we can't call from there, but we can receive calls there. Understand?? Now, don't just glance at this letter and forget it. When I put in a call for you, you tell the operator to get in touch with me at the Headquarters. If Mother don't get better, be sure and get the Red Cross to wire me, and don't you wire me. Understand?

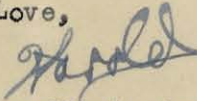
Now, another thing. I am sending a barracks bag home this week with a lot of junk in it. Please have the clothes cleaned, and keep them all together. One of these days I will wire or write you to send some of them, or all of them back to me, and I won't remember all of the things in it. So, Mother, please put all of them in a drawer and keep them together so they won't be like the last time when I could not find a thing I sent home. Keep them all together. Understand?

I didn't receive the Xmas present that you have been raving about in all of your cards.

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon. By the way, I received a box of candy from Waites in B'ham., and it had no card in it. Please ask the kinfolks in B'ham who sent it, so I can thank them for it. I haven't the least idea who sent it, and it sure was good.

Write soon, and let me know how Mother is feeling. Hope by this time Mother is up and around again and leading the life of leisure that she is used to all of her life. Right?

Love,



P.S. My Commander has decided to keep me in the office, instead of putting me on the field. Rough, isn't it? Nectucutug !

FROM

Sgt. Harold L. Brook
G.M. 167th Regt.

U. S. ARMY

CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Brook
3018 - 5th St.
Tusculum, Hoboken.

4 Jan 44

Dearrest Mother, Daddy, and Lottie:

I didn't hear from you for the past 3 or 4 days, and guess you are too busy to write. Hope Mother is feeling a lot better, and is out of bed by now. I put in a call for you at home Sunday night, but it never got through. When you get a call from me, be sure and call me back at the 167th Infantry Headquarters, as they can send a runner for me.

It is cold and sloppy here now, as it snowed and rained all weekend long.

We are now working day and night till 9 PM, and I have no time to do anything. Sure am tired of it all.

Have to go back to the hospital tomorrow to let the doctor look at my exrays of my sinus trouble. He might be able to do something for me, but I don't know.

Has Lottie gone back to B'ham yet. I haven't heard from her in over a week. It looks like you and Lottie stopped writing to me.

Love,

Harold

5 Jan 44

Dearest Mother, Daddy, & Lottie:

I received your card today, and sure was glad to hear from you for a change. It is still cold and damp here. I went to the hospital again to day, and saw my exrays, but didn't get to see the doctor about my throat. Too many people there. I guess I will go back Saturday afternoon.

Glad Mother is feeling better, and sure hope Mother don't work too hard now. How is Lottie feeling? Not sick, too, ~~xxxx~~ I hope.

Sgt. Fancher received your card, and the \$ and sure did appreciate it. He is saving the \$ for good luck.

If you can get \$400.00 for the car, please do it. Let me know about it. You mentioned it, and never said anything more about it. If you do sell it, buy a bond, and put it in my name. Right?

I am sending the barracks bag to you this week, and be sure and have the dirty clothes cleaned, and send them to only when I ask for them. Keep them in a drawer together. Right?

They allow us to have camaras here now. Please get Lottie to get my camara and all of the films and send them to me. I left 2 rolls of new film there, and I believe they are wrapped in a small package in the right drawer of my dresser drawer. You know where the keys to it are. Right? Please send it as soon as you get this letter, with all of the films and all of the little green things to hold the films, the filter, a little glass thing that fits on the camara, and the black cord with the silver puncher on it. I think these are either in my table drawer or in my right dresser drawer. Don't bother anything else there. The keys to it are in the china closet in the living room.

Write soon.

Love,

Harold

Lt. Harold L. Bank

**HOTEL
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SIXTEENTH ST. AT V AND W
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Co. M, 167th Inf.
Camp Sickett, Va.



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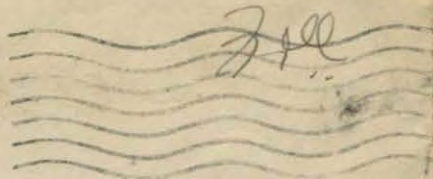
Sunday 1 PM

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I'm up here for the weekend,
and really had a nice time last
night. I got a letter from Grandma
yesterday, and she is alright. Harold
was home for a week, and is now
in Providence, R. I. Bobby is on
vacation in Tennessee.

I'm going back to camp
at 6 P.M., so I'll write again
tomorrow. Write soon!
Love,
Harold

Left. Harold R. Bank
Co M 167th Inf APO 31
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

7 Feb 1944

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Today we had a Battalion parade, and we marched with the music. It was really nice.

It turned out cold here today, and I mean cold.

Had a nice time in Washington this weekend, and got back at 11 PM last night.

We will probably be pulling out of here this week, but where we will go or when we will go is unknown to me or the to the rest of the men here.

Don't have much time to write as I used to, because I am on the field all day till 6 PM, and when I come in I am so tired I go right to bed. So you understand? We have a 25 mile hike Thursday, and I sure do hate to think of it. Right?

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon.

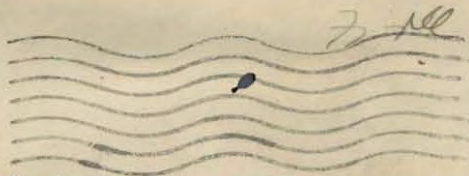
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Harold

Sgt. Harold L. Bird
Co M 167th Inf APO 31
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.



8 Jan 44

Dearest Mother and Daddy:

I received your card today, and sure was glad to hear from you. I am going to send the barracks bag to you today, and sure hope you take care of it like I told you in previous letters. Please don't mess me up.

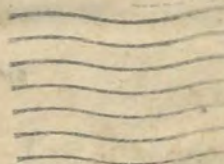
We are still working day and night and I am sure tired of it. Today is Saturday and we are working this afternoon. No time off for anything. I am trying to get off for 3 days next week, and might go somewhere to rest for the 3 days. Sure hope I can get off.

Hope Mother and Lottie are fully recovered by now, and that you have had your teeth fixed. Please tell me if you had your teeth fixed or not. You never mention it anymore. What about your trip to Hot Springs? Aren't you going? How about letting me in on those Military secrets down there? Please send the camera immediately!

Love,

Ronald

Sgt. H.L. BANK, 204 6637
Co. M, 167 TH INF. 4893
C/O P.M., S.F., CALIF.



AIRMAIL

1/20/45

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U. S. A.



N.E.T.
20 JAN 44

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

WELL, I GUESS YOU ARE WONDERING WHY I
HAVENT WRITTEN THE PAST TWO WEEKS. TO
TELL THE TRUTH, I WAS IN NO CONDITION
NOR POSITION.

TWENTY-TWO DAYS AGO WE PULLED OUT,
BY FOOT, TO FINISH CLEANING OUT THE
TAPS HERE. YESTERDAY WE RETURNED,
ALL TIRED OUT AND IN RAGS, AND
DIRTY & TIRED. I WANT YOU TO KNOW
I AM WORN OUT. WE CLIMBED MOUN-
TAINS THAT MAN HAD NEVER SET EYES
ON BEFORE. SOME OF THEM I STILL DON'T
SEE HOW WE CLIMBED. THEY WERE STRAIGHT
UP. ONE SLIP WOULD HAVE MEANT THE
END IN SOME PLACES. WE WADED SWIFT
RIVERS, WALKED IN MUD, AND SLIPPED
AND SLID IN RIVER BOTTOMS, DOWN IN THE
MUD, AND I HAD MY SHARE OF FALLS.
WAS VERY LUCKY I DIDN'T GET HURT.
I STARTED OUT WITH 3 DAYS RATIONS

ON MY BACK, IN A PACK, SO HEAVY
 IT PROBABLY WOULD BREAK A MULE'S
 BACK, I UNLOADED A LOT HALF WAY
 UP OUR FIRST MOUNTAIN, BUT IT
 WAS STILL BACK-BREAKING UNTIL
 I CAME WITHIN SIGHT OF MY
 TENT AND BED, THEN IT BECAME
 VERY LIGHT ALL OF A SUDDEN. SO
 I HAD TO STRETCH MY FOOD FROM
 3 TO 5 DAYS, THEN DIDN'T GET ANY-
 MORE UNTIL THE 7TH DAY. ON THE
 6TH DAY WE WALKED ALL DAY
 OVER MOUNTAINS WITHOUT A BITE
 TO EAT, MOST OF THE TIME IN THE
 MOUNTAINS WE HAD NO WATER, BUT
 IN THE VALLEYS THERE WAS PLENTY

THEY DROPPED US FOOD 3 TIMES
 BY PLANE. THEY WOULD HAVE DROPPED
 IT MORE, BUT WE COULDN'T FIND A
 PLACE CLEAR FOR THEM TO DROP
 IT.

WE CLEANED OUT THE TAPS;
 THAT'S THE MAIN THING.
 SO THAT'S THAT! YOUR LITTLE

THE OTHER HAD A FRUIT CAKE
IN IT.

I GOT ARNOLD ROYAL'S
ADDRESS FROM YOU YESTERDAY AND
WENT UP TO SEE HIM TO-DAY. HE
ALSO GOT MY ADDRESS YESTERDAY
AND TRIED TO CALL ME. WE SHOT
BULL ALL MORNING. HE'S COMING
OVER IN A FEW MINUTES TO
HELP ME EAT THIS GEFILTE
FISH, SALAMI, AND HERRING AND
OTHER STUNK.

THAT'S ABOUT ALL FOR NOW,
SO BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON.
I GOT THE MUM AND FISHING
STUFF. PLEASE SEND ME SOME
SARDINES, FISH, GEFILTE
FISH, HERRING.

LOVE,

Harold



BOY SURE DID SUFFER BUT ALL'S
WELL THAT ENDS WELL. RIGHT?

3 I GOT 3 PACKAGES NEW YEARS
DAY AND ATE SOME SYRUP TO-DAY.
TO-DAY I GOT 4 PACKAGES, 2
FROM YOU, AND 1 FROM SOL LELAND.
THAT'S THE 2ND I GOT FROM THEM.

10 Jan 44

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

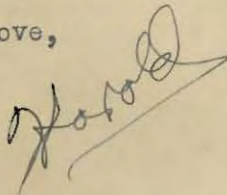
Well, here it is Blue Monday again, and I am well and happy. I am inclosing a well that I just made out. It is only a copy for you to keep. I am sending the original of it to the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. for safe keeping and filing. Just wanted you to see that I still think of you.

It snowed all day yesterday, and it is really beautiful and cold outside now. The sun is shining, and the snow is beginning to melt and be sloppy.

I sent the barracks bag yesterday, and be sure and take care of it for me, and I might call for it at any time soon. I sent you something to put in the window at the store. You will see it. Like it? When are you going to send the camara, attachments, and the films that I left at home.

Be good and write soon. Oh, yea, I got a letter today that my allotment to you, Mother, was not approved, by reason that the affidavits didn't prove dependency. I will have to start work on it again.

Love,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harold", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

19 Jan 44

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I received your card today, and sure was glad to hear from you. I finished the chicken and bread last night, and it sure was good. All of the boys in the room with me, 3 of them, enjoyed it with me. I sure do wish Kartzinel would change the brand of cookies he sells. Right?

It is a little warmer out here today, and it is very muddy from the snow melting. It is rough, but fair, I guess. Right?

Hope Mother is feeling a lot better now, and hope you answer me letter immediately about that boy I know in Roanoke. I think it is a darn good opportunity to make some money, and you sure ought to take him and open a store there in Tuscaloosa, or even in another town, maybe. Right? He is smart enough to take care of it in good condition. Right?

That is a 81 millimeter shell that I sent home. It is fired from a iron tube that looks like a stove pipe, and shoots up and comes down and kills anyone that is within 100 yards of it.

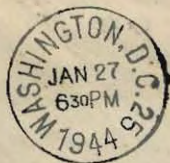
Be good and write soon.

Love,

R. R. Ralab

Sgt. Harold L. Bank

HOTEL ROOSEVELT
SIXTEENTH ST. AT V AND W
WASHINGTON, D.C.



Ct. "M", 167th Inf.
Camp Pickett, Va.

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama



HOTEL ROOSEVELT

SIXTEENTH ST. AT V AND W
WASHINGTON, D.C.

MARIA KRAMER, PRESIDENT

Thursday
2 PM

Dearest Mother & Abby:

I spent one night in N.Y. and came
to Washington yesterday. I'll go back
to camp at 6 P.M. today.

Just went up and talked to
Lester Hill, and when I told
his secretary my name, he
jumped up and came around the
table and asked if I was Bert's
brother. He went to Alabama in
1938. Another elderly man named
Loudon jumped up and asked me



HOTEL ROOSEVELT

SIXTEENTH ST. AT V AND W
WASHINGTON, D.C.

MARIA KRAMER, PRESIDENT

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if I was Sen. Borah's boy. He
prowls you also.

So I went in and Sen. Hill
was very nice. I talked to
him & told him about the
trouble to the hospital in
Tucson and he called on
Sen. P. Evans, who is a cousin
to our Sen. Evans. The Sen-
ator said it would be hard to
do. Hill, however, said he would



HOTEL ROOSEVELT

SIXTEENTH ST. AT V AND W
WASHINGTON, D.C.

MARIA KRAMER, PRESIDENT

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work on it, Can't tell, - he
might work on it, and then
again, he might just be
passing the buck. Right? Anyway,
time will tell!

Write soon!

Love,

Harold

Sgt. Harold L. Book
Co. m, 167TH INF.
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. Sam Book
Army Store,
Tusculum, Alabama

Wed. 18 AM

Dearest mother &addy.

I received your card yesterday
and was very glad to hear from you.
It's very cold here now.

I'm now a field soldier
& getting plenty of exercise. It's
really tough, especially after
being in an office for about 3
years. Right?

Law Samuel C. Groves is
now in the paper a couple
of times.

But is all so well
soon!

Love,
Harold

Wm. Harold L. Book
Co M 16th Inf APO 31
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

4 Feb 44
7:10 PM

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

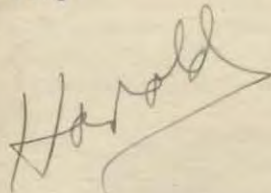
We went out on a night problem last night and stayed out till 1 AM, and came in and ate the chicken and it sure was wonderful. It came in yesterday afternoon, and the best time it ever came. I mean it tasted like a million dollars. The cake was very good also. I slept till 12 Noon today, and it sure feels good to sleep late. I feel a lot better since we are on the field. I have to walk a lot, listen to a lot of lectures, and take 2 hours of hard exercise everyday. Yesterday they lined up for a relay and when they started to run, they said I should be first so they could see how much I would be behind, and I said no, I wanted to be last, like Bertus to run, last. So I did, and beat the fastest man in the platoon and came in first. I sure did feel good, and the boys said they didn't know that I could move so fast. I can still run, even if I do way 210. Right?

Hope you have your teeth in now, and can eat for the first time in about 10 years. Right? What is the matter with Lottie? She is always getting sick. Did she go to the doctor? What did he say? She had better be careful, or she will really get sick. Right? I guess Mother can doctor her alright, though. She has been doing it for 23 years, about. Right?

I will write about the bonds tomorrow. They owe me \$6.25 for 1942, and the rest of the bonds will be coming in right along now. Be sure and let me know as you get each bond. Right?? I don't think Lottie should quit her job in Bham and come home. She is making good money, spending it all, and having a good time. That is more than she can do at home. Right?

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon. I sent another box of junk home today, so be sure and take care of it.

Love,



Lt. Harold L. Bark
Co. M, 167th Lt.
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam & Lottie Bark
3018-5th St.
Vascoosa, Alabama.

7 no. note
10:45 PM.

Dearest mother, daddy, & Lottie:

Well, I stayed in and worked in the office today. & they saw they couldn't do without me! Right?

It's very cold here now. Hope you are well again, Lottie, and back to work soon.

Nothing new here. Just the same old grind, work and brow nothing. Right? Write soon. & that last box was wonderful!

Love,
Harold

Sgt. Harold L. Bank
Co M 167th Inf APC 31
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

9 Feb 44

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I received your card today, and you said you called a man in Washington. Who was he, and what is his address? What did he say. I will go to see him in Washington as soon as you send me his address. Right?

It snowed all night long and is raining all day today. Sure is sloppy out.

I never heard from Capt. Grashio, and am writing him again tonight.

Did your nigger boy ever come to work Saturday? Huh? Nectucutug! Right?

I have stayed in the past 2 days doing some work in the office, and sure feels good to get back in the swing. The 25 mile hike tomorrow was cut to 12 miles, and that sure makes me mad. Uh!

That is all so write soon. Please tell me what that man said in Washington, that didn't know Bert. Right?

Love,

Harold

FROM

Sgt. Harold L. Bork
Co. M, 167th Inf.



U. S. ARMY

CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA

Mrs. & Mrs. Lou Bork
3018-5th St.

Wisclosa, Alabama.

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Fr. nite -
8:51 pm.

Dearest mother & daddy;

I received your card today, and was glad to hear from you.

I'm staying in Camp this weekend for a change, and hope to get in a lot of good sleep.

I just wrote Sammie to try and come over tomorrow. Hope he can.

It's been raining here nearly all week. I have been in the office nearly all week, and it's wonderful.

Write soon!

Love,
Harold

FROM

Sgt. Harold L. Bark
Co M, 167th Inf.

U. S. ARMY

CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA



Mrs. Sam Bark
Army Store
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

SERVICE CLUB

CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA

Sat. nite
7:55 P.M.

I forgot mother & Dolly:

Well it is Saturday nite,
and I'm staying in camp.
Surprised? Went to a
show this afternoon, and
didn't have anything to do,
so I come over to the
Service Club to loaf around.
It is only 1 block from

SERVICE CLUB

CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA

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our barracks.

They are starting
a bingo game, here - here
at 8 P.M. so I will
try the old Bank's
luck!

Write soon!

Lane,

Donald

Wt. Harold L. Bank
Co. M, 167th Inf.
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscoloosa, Alabama.

Tuesday -

11 AM.

Dearestaddy & mother:

I'm working in the office today,
and it's wonderful.

addy, I haven't received a
Tusculum News in a while. Please
call them and tell why. I look
a lot! I sure do miss them!

Love,

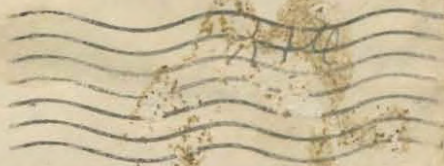
Harold

FROM

Sgt. Harold L. Bark
G. M. 167th Inf. APO 31

U. S. ARMY

CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bark
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Friday -
7:20 P.M.

Dearest mother & daddy:

I didn't hear from you today for the first time in a long time. What's the matter, too busy?

Went on a 12 mile hike today 8 to 12 noon, and my feet sure are sore.

This afternoon I saw a 2 hour stage show, and it really was good. The cast was all soldiers and WAC's.

It didn't rain today for a change, but it's still muddy outside.

Got a long letter from Lottie today. Sure am glad you are feeling better, mother, but I could have told you the same thing the doctor told you, "STOP WORRYING!"
Right? Keep well, and write soon!
Love,
Harold

Sgt. Harold L. Bank
Co. M, 167th Inf.

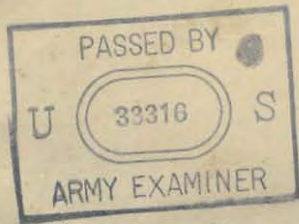
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San Francisco, Calif.

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Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,

Tuscoloosa, Alabama





THE WILLARD HOTEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Tuesday

Feb. 24/44

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I sure enjoyed talking to you today, and will call mother at home tomorrow morning. Hope she is home.

Everything is fine and I'm feeling good. It didn't take 5 minutes to get the call through!

Did you ~~hear~~ hear from Ludwig Block? How is he?

I'm on the east coast now, but can't say where. After I come home I can tell you.



THE WILLARD HOTEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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I was in Washington last
weekend and had a very nice time.
I stayed at the Willard Hotel.
It is beautiful and the largest
hotel I have ever been in!

Please keep on writing
me every day as usual and I'll
try to write as often as possible.
If you have Aunt Minnie's address,
please send it to me!

Love,
Harold

SO WE'LL MEET AGAIN



BUY MORE WAR BONDS

6 more up
 dearest mother & lobby.

Haven't written much
 because I couldn't
 mail anything. It's
 very, very hot here
 and I am losing

some weight. I'm
 feeling fine. Keep
 writing every day, or
 I get all of your mail
 in later. Love, Harold

Lt. H. T. Bork
 Co. M, 167th Inf.
 APO 31-B, C/S.P.A.
 San Francisco, Cal.

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Mr. & Mrs. Lora Bork
 Army Store

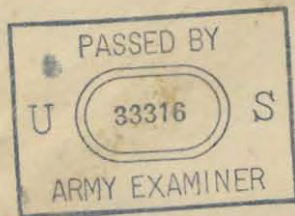
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Sgt Harold L. Bank 20416637
Co M 167th Inf APO 31-B,
% P.M., San Francisco, Calif.

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Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th St.,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.



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7 Mar 44

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Not having received any mail for a few days, I still guess all is well with you. It is hot as the devil here, and I mean hot. We just lay around and sweat all day long. We don't do a thing but sleep, eat 2 times a day, read, and lay in the sun. It is alright as long as it lasts. Right?

I can't say where I am now, because my very good friend the censor would only cut it out. Can't tell you where I am going, because I haven't the slightest myself.

We only have breakfast and supper here, but you can get sandwiches for lunch if you can manipulate around and get into the kitchen. I have been able to keep from getting hungry so far, as per usual. We don't get any milk here, and that is what I miss mostly. Right, Mother! We have a place to buy eats and toilet articles, etc.

I haven't received the last box you sent, but I guess it will catch up with me in time. Guess you had better stop sending the chickens because it will spoil before it gets to me. You can send non-perishables. Right?

Guess I will lose some weight before long, the way I am perspiring. Sure hope so, anyway. Haven't received any mail for some time, but you keep on writing to me everyday, because it will catch up with me in a very short time. Understand?

Not having seen a paper nor heard a radio for some time, I can't speak of the news of the day, because I know none.

So be good, and keep healthy as usual, and keep writing, and don't worry about; do all of your worrying about Bert, because I am going to bring him back with me. Right?

Love,

Harold

Lt. Harold L. Park 2046637

7 M.

C. My (6)th Reg. APT 8-B,

C/o P. M. S. A. B. 7 services, Calif.

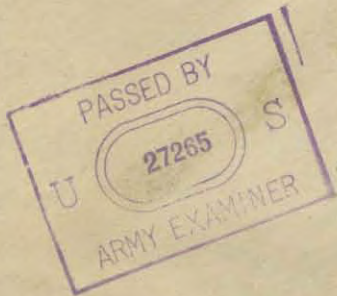


Mr. & Mrs. Lm Park

3018-5th St.

Waco, Tex.

U.S. A.



in the high noon

8 March 44

Dearest mother & daddy:

Well, folks, we are still rolling. We left the good old U.S. over a week ago and have been on this ship rolling along ever since. I didn't get to see Ludwig Block before I left. The first day out we had a rough sea and everyone on board got sea-sick, and nearly died. They were lining up at the Comodes to vomit. It was the funniest sight I ever saw. I felt bad, but didn't vomit. I just went to sleep.

This boat sure is crowded

There are 20 times too many
men for the ship, and this
is a large ship, too.

I'm sitting on the deck
and writing. The sun is shining,
and I'm really hot. It is
really a beautiful trip, and
I shall never forget it. I'm
eating good, and feeling fine.
Yesterday the sea was rough,
and a lot of us were feeling
bad again, but I can take
it as long as I eat a lot of
food and I really am putting
it away.

Be good and write soon.
Love,
Harold

Sgt. Harold L. Bank, WO 46637
Co. M, (16) th Inf. A.P.C. 3/28,
C/O P.M., San Francisco, Cal.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Presidio, Alameda -
U.S.A.



March 13/88

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, folks, we're still
moving. It's hot as the
devil here now, and I mean
hot.

The other day we went
for a walk, ^{saw} some baseball,
and got some ice-cream
for a treat.

See a lot of palm
trees down here, which
reminds me of Florida.
I'm getting so dark

also negro, have my
hair cut nearly all off,
and have a mustache,
Clark Gable style, which
has been growing since
we left the states.

Be good & write soon.

Love,

Harold

Form

Sgt. Harold L. Rank, 30-416637

(Rank's name)

Ce M 167th Inf., APO 31-B,

(Rank's address)

7 PM, San Francisco, Calif.

(Date)

Dearest Buddy & Mother:

I received 2 letters from you mailed 11 and 12 Apr 44, but didn't receive any mail today. Sure glad you had a nice time over the holidays, and that you had enough to eat and drink. I would have given anything to have been there, but it couldn't be. Right?

It is hot as the devil today, and I have been in school all day, and it is really interesting. I like it a lot. It is much better than being company clerk. I am learning something that will do me some good in later life.

We have a lot of athletic equipment and games and have a baseball game every afternoon. I haven't started to play as yet, because I have been too busy, but I might start next week. V, playsoftball, instead of baseball.

I played ping pong all afternoon Sunday afternoon, and can really play that game. I have been playing a lot of checkers lately, and can play a lot better than I used to.

I understand that if you want to send me a box, it has to be the size of a shoe box, and not weigh more than 5 pounds. So how about getting me a box over here at least every 2 weeks. Right?

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

Harold

V-MAH

Place the complete address in plain black letters in the postal boxes, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dot mat, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not reliable.

From

Sgt. Harold L. Bank

2nd Cavalry
Co M 167th Inf APO 31-B

San Francisco,
Calif.

1 April 1944

(Days)

To

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
300-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1 April 1944

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, now I sit me down to write you again after a lapse of about 3 weeks. I haven't written in the meantime because I knew that the letters couldn't be mailed. I still can't mail it for a few more days, but will write anyway.

I am reading more than I have ever read before in my life now, and enjoying it a lot. The sun is very hot, and I really have a nice suntan. I sit in the sun a lot, and it is wonderful. My mustache is full grown, and is trimmed, and really looking good.

I believe I have gained some weight on board the ship, although we only eat 2 meals a day, one at 9 AM and the other at 5:30 PM. Although there is always a ~~meat~~ sandwich to eat in between times if you are in the know. And I have been so far.

You talk about hot, but it is really hot down here. I sweat all of the time. A nice swim would be wonderful now, but this cannot be at this time.

I never got the last box you sent, but probably it will catch up with me when I get to my destination. Right? Sure it is. I could have a nice chicken now. I haven't had a glass of milk since I left the States, and that is a long time. This reminds me of the letter that Bert wrote from Bataan that he didn't have any milk. I have that letter with me now, and read it every once in a while to give me more inspiration. It was a beautiful letter, and I certainly am proud of it. Right? Maybe I will get to get Bert out of his trouble, like I used to always do. Right?

I know it will be long times when I cannot write to you, but don't worry, and keep writing to me as often as you have always done since I have been in the Army. Why don't you get a package of V-Mail and let Lottie address it for you on the typewriter, as that would make it a lot easier for you. As much as possible use V-mail, as it is a lot faster. Right?

Be good, regards to all of my friends, and write soon. Did you understand why I asked if you had heard from Louis & Block at the time? Huh?

Love, Harold

V --- MAIL

Post-Office Box
C. N. 16, 17th
APR 15, 1916, 5 P.M.
SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

10 SAM BARK
ARMY STORE
Tuscaloosa, Ala.



11 April XX
Dearest mother & daddy:

I arrived here in New Britain
, I want Country, Va.
We got our mail the first time since
we left, and I got 39 letters.

I am so happy to get the
card from Bert. Maybe I'll bring
him back. Just got the money,
and I'll send it back. Have
you received any of my mail?
Let me know.

as soon as I get a typewriter,
I'll write you a long letter.

Write soon. Can you send me
a dozen clippings, 40¢, with watch straps?
I need them.

Love,
Harold

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permitted. Use appropriate, full title, at least. When possible, use full name and address.

No.



RECEIVED 10 MAR 1944

To MR. SAM BART
3018-6 7th St.
Los Angeles, CALIF.

From
Egon Weigl, Breda 20114
(Breda, Holland)
E. W. (G) F. H. W.
APO 4-8, 212 P.M.
San Francisco, Calif.
13 April 44
(Over)

13 April 44

I don't matter at all:
I haven't received letter from you since
the one dated 21 March 44! What's the
matter? Please tell me about your trips
to Chicago and about Bobby Shaw's accident.

Please send me a box of food,
as corned peaches, cooking fat, milk, apples,
etc. Also please send me back that
block Schaeffer's fountain pen I sent
you from Virginia. I also will send some
paper plates and a checkered board.

Your package can't weigh but 5
pounds. Ask the postal authorities about it.
Write soon!

Love,
Hans

V....- MAIL

Sgt. Harold L. Bank 20416637

Co. M, 167th Inf. A.P.O. 31-B

2/1 P.M., Don't know

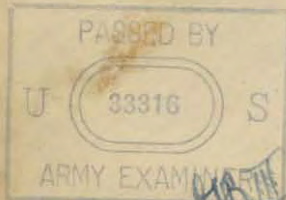


Mr. & Mrs. John Bank

Army Store,

5 Escobedo, Fla.

U.S.A.



13 April 44

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I believe you have stopped writing, as I haven't received a letter from you since the first day I arrived here.

How was Chicago? Please tell me all about it. Send these papers for me. I'm enclosing the Daily paper we get. I haven't received a Grosvenor News as yet. Please call and see if they are sending them.

It gets cool here at night, and we use a blanket and a mosquito net and all means of protection against mosquitoes. Write soon.

Love,
Harold

Fill in the complete address in plain block letters in the space below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not reliable.

From

Sgt Harold L. Bunk 20416637

(Sender's name)

Co M 167th Inf APO 31-B

(Sender's address)

4 PM, San Francisco, Calif.

14 Apr 44

(Date)

To

Mr & Mrs Sam Bunk
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
U.S.A.



(POSTER'S STAMP)

14 Apr 44

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I haven't received a letter from you since the one mailed 21 Mar 44. I know that you went to Chicago, but couldn't you write me from there? and why haven't you written me as you did when I was on the boat over here, nearly day. I hear from Lottie nearly day, and I want you to write me every day also.

It has rained every day and night since our arrival here, and last night it rained so hard for 2 straight hours that I believe there was someone up in the clouds throwing it down, and threw all of the water in the sky down. It was the hardest I ever saw. It was terrific.

I spent all of yesterday afternoon walking in the jungle, and it is terrific. You have to cut your way with every step. We saw some of the strangest birds and sounds, and trees with the funniest looking snake-like vines growing all around them. It is a sight to see. I have taken some pictures, and as soon as I can get them developed I will send them to you. It will be some time, as the Government develops all of them for you. And free too!

I am losing some weight here, and hope to lose a lot, and get down to my old weight of 180 pounds, that I possessed when I came in the Army. We are eating pretty good now, but every thing is just about canned goods, and we have no ice. The water is cool, but not cold.

Please send me a box of food as soon as possible. Be sure and don't send anything that will spoil. Right!

I want to know the facts about Bobby Shure getting killed. I heard about it, so don't try and keep it away from me. Understand!

Be good and write soon.

Love,

Harold



V-MAIL

15 Apr 44

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, I still haven't heard from you since the letter of the 21st of March! What's the matter? Too busy?

I just had my first bar of candy since I got off of the boat. If you can get me some candy, please send me a couple of bars. I can sure use it. We can't get even cake, just fruit juddes, and I haven't got any of that as yet.

It is hot as the devil now, and hasn't rained all day, and I can't understand it. It must be saving up for a great big rain tonight. Boy, I have my tent fixed up so I really stay dry when it rains. It is a bit of alright.

There is nothing new to tell you, as I haven't seen the daily paper in 3 or 4 days. You see it only comes when they can bring them in. I have been working harder than I have since I came into the Army, and I hope to lose a lot of weight.

If I can I will bring Bert back with me. I am sure going to try like H---. It would be nice to fight the war like Mother wants me to, but there is only one catch, you can't get the cold milk over here. Otherwise, it is O.K. Right?

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

Harold

From

Harold Harold Lee Hunt #2416631
(Daddy's name)
Co H 167th Inf APO 31-B,
P.O., San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Hunt
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
U.S.A.

To



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Send the necessary address for your check enclosed in this letter, and your return address on the reverse provided. Our inspectors don't look at post. With postage. They mail nothing in self-addressed.

Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not admissible.

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Mr. A. H. S. Sam Bank,
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.A.

From

Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 2041637

Co # 1673 Inf, AFO 31-B,

2 PM, San Francisco, Calif.

17 Apr 44

1020

STAMPED STAMPS

DEarest Mother & Daddy:

I still haven't heard from you since the letter mailed 21 March 44. What is the matter? Too busy to write?

Letter.

David

No.



RECORDED

To

SAM BANK
ARMY STORE
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

From

Sgt. H. L. BANK, LOWELL
(Sender's name)

C. M. 16, THUR. APR 24,
(Sender's address)

20 PM, SAN FRANCISCO,
CAL.

19 APR 24
(Date)

Dearest Daddy & Mother:

I received 2 letters from you today, and was
very glad to hear from you. I sent to you today
my certificate for crossing the equator. Put it in a
frame, will you.

Why do you tell me that Stanley was only
sick. I know he got killed. What do you say
secrets from me? I know you wouldn't go to Chicago
if he was only sick. I heard about it while you were
in Chicago. So please write and tell me all about
the accident. Where was it? I thought it was
Betty. I know, because Stanley was going to ASTP
at Harvard. Right? Please tell me all about it.

When did you get my College room and
first letter? Let me know!

Love,

Harold

V...- MAIL

Print the complete address to which blank letters to the panel below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

No.



To

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.A.

From

Cpl. Harold L. Bank, 20416637

(Sender's name)

Co H 167th Inf., APO 31-B,

(Sender's address)

San Francisco, Calif.

25 Apr 44

(Date)

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I haven't got the mail for today as yet, and don't know if I have a letter or not. I am going to school now, and learning something that I can use in civilian life. I am sure enjoying it alot. I am not in the office anymore, but like the work I am doing now a lot better. I am learning something worthwhile.

It is not so hot here today, and is real nice. I hear from Lottie nearly every day, and wish you would write as often. Hope you send me the things I asked for soon. Have you received any mail from Dad? Let me know the first day you receive a letter from me, and also when the cablegram gets to you. Right?

There is nothing new here, and nothing that I have done lately. I have written to Sam Goldblatt, who is also here in New Guinea, but have not heard from him as yet. He is the boy that I roomed with in Montgomery when I was working down there. Remember him? I believe you know his Mother. Right?

So good, and write soon.

Love,

Harold

V-MAIL

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No.



[CENSOR'S STAMP]

To

SAM BANK
3818-57th ST.
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

From

1st Lt. Harold L. Banks 207/6637

[Sender's name]

C.M. 167th Inf. A.P. 31-4

[Sender's address]

70 P. Austin 3-10-41, Cal.

30 apr 41

[Date]

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I didn't get a letter in 3 days. Please write soon often.

Went to the beach yesterday and sure had a nice time. How you about my bathing trunks yet? Please to so immediately.

It's very hot today. Today is Sunday so guess I'll go down to the beach again.

Your friend, the McGowan was here. I didn't even get out of bed to go up by the mess-hall to see him. Yesterday.

Be good and write soon.

Love,
Harold

U.S. MAIL

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No. _____



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To

Mr. Joe Bush
3013 5th Street
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

From

Sgt. Harold L. Bush
(Sender's name)

No. 167th Inf. Regt.
(Sender's address)

A. P. O. _____

c/o POSTMASTER, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

4 MAY 1944

(Date)

Dear Father: _____

PLEASE ADDRESS ME AS SHOWN BELOW UNTIL OTHERWISE ADVISED

Sgt. Harold L. Bush 3013 5th St.
(Grade) (First name) (Initial) (Last name) (Army postal number)

Company B 167th Infantry Regiment
(Company, battery, etc.) (Regiment, group, or other organization)

A. P. O. No. 21, c/o Postmaster, c/o POSTMASTER, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

The above COMPLETE ADDRESS should be placed on ALL MAIL sent to me

MY CODE CABLE ADDRESS IS AMGES

Normal signature: Harold L. Bush

SPACE BELOW FOR MESSAGE

HELP REDUCE THE
MAIL LOAD-USE

No.



(REMOVES STAMP)

SAM BANK
ARMY STORE
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

From

Sgt. HAROLD L. BANK
204/4437
Co. 7, 167th Inf. A.P.O. 21
S.F.M. - SAN FRANCISCO, CA.

6 MAY 45

(Date)

Dear Mother andaddy:

I've been hearing from you everybody lately.
Please notice my new A.P.O. It's just APO 31.
Right?

How are you going to get Daisy to come
there? You never told me about your trip to
Chicago! How are the folks there? Who is
this Jim Simpson that is running against Hill?
Lord Hugel Hill wins! Please don't sell the
business. you help it! Understand? Lord much
I could have seen Emanuel.

Who did Chink Rayson marry? A Jewish
girl? Where is he now?

Mazeltov on your birthday.
Beloved and with love.

Love,
Harold

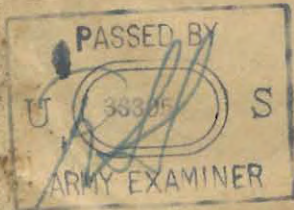
V-MAIL

Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20416637
Co M 167th Inf., APO 31
% PM, San Francisco, Calif.



FREE

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.A.



6 May 44

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I received your letter today as usual, and was very glad to hear from you. It sure does feel good to receive a letter from you every day, and please keep up the good work. Haven't heard from Lottie in a few days, but guess she is too busy. Right?

Daddy I sent to you today a large box of souvenirs that I got around the island. I can't mention them in this letter, but you can look at them and make them out. Please clean them up, oil the leather thing, and put them in window. They all belonged to the Japs at one time, but were found and dug up by me. Take good care of them because someday I will treasure them a lot. Right?

Today I also sent to you a \$37.50 bond. It is very inconvenient to send money over here, so I bought a bond. This is yours. I am enclosing a receipt for it in this letter. Keep it. I am also send you a check for \$30.00 that a boy gave me. Please don't put it through for a week after you receive it. Be sure and let me know if it bounces, so I can collect the cash from the boy. I trust him, but the check might not be good. If it is not good, I will get the cash. So be sure and let me know as soon as you hear from the check after putting it through. Right?

Today is Friday, and I have put in a week of work this week at the school. Wednesday night I went on a hike through the jungle and it was real rough. I thought I would die, but make it alright. It was the roughest hike in a long time for me. The jungle is the hardest thing to walk through, especially at night. You have to cut your way through, and fall in a creek every once in a while. I was soaking wet when I got home that night, but it didn't hurt me. It did me good. I am getting in good condition now, and am getting hard as nails.

We have a new Commanding Officer, a young boy from Conn., and he is a peach. He gives me a lot of cooperation in my job, and much more than the old one. He was in Blanding when I was there, in another division. Tell Dave Rosenfield if he hasn't sent the paper I ordered from him, to forget it. If he has sent it, it is O.K. I can get rid of it alright.

Be good, and write soon. and tell all of my friends hello. Please send me Dorothy's address, and the date of the expected arrival.

Love,

Harold

No.



To
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th Street
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.A.

From
Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20416637

(Sender's name)

Co M167th Inf, APO 31
(Sender's address)
4 PM, San Francisco, Cal.

8 May 44

(Date)

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

I DIDN'T RECEIVE A LETTER FROM YOU YESTERDAY, BUT GUESS I WILL GET TWO FROM YOU TODAY. I WENT TO THE BEACH YESTERDAY ALL AFTERNOON AND HERE DID HAVE A NICE TIME. THE WATER WAS FINE, AND WE WENT TO THE PX AFTERWARDS AND ATE. I WENT TO SLEEP AT 8:30-9 PM LAST NIGHT, AND HAD A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP.

GET A LETTER FROM LOTTIE YESTERDAY. BE SURE AND NOTICE THE NEW APO ON THIS LETTER. DON'T USE THE OLD APO. RIGHT WHEN YOU SEND ME A BOX PLEASE INCLOSE SIX PAIR OF COTTON STAFF SERGEANTS STRIPES FOR ARMY WARE. HE CAN'T GET THEM OVER HERE. RIGHT? LET ME KNOW HOW MUCH THEY ARE. RIGHT?

IT HAS BEEN PRETTY COOL THE PAST FEW DAYS, AND IT SURE IS GOOD. I HAVEN'T RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU SAYING THAT YOU HAD HEARD FROM ME. LET ME KNOW THE DATE YOU GOT MY FIRST LETTER AND ALSO THE CABLEGRAM I SENT WHEN I GOT HERE. RIGHT?

THAT IS ABOUT ALL FOR NOW SO BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON.

Love,

Harold

V. MAIL

No.

From



[POSTER'S STAMP]

To Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.A.

Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 204166
[Sender's name] 37
Co M 167th Inf, APO 31,
[Sender's address]
% PM, San Francisco, Cal.

10 May 44

[Date]

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I received a letter from Lottie today dated 27 Apr 44, and she said she had heard from you that you had received a letter from me. Glad you got it at last. I was certainly sorry to hear about Stanley. It was terrible. And in the future please don't keep things like that from me, because I might have written to Aunt Stella, and if I had mentioned Stanley's name, it would have been embarrassing. Right? Please tell me all about it. I thought he was in ASTP in Harvard University. That is where he was the last time I heard from you. What about it?

I went on a long hike last night, and sure was tired when I got home. Going on another one this weekend. I'll be at the beach Saturday, swimming as usual. The work is hard, but the weekends are free, and I like them a lot. You won't believe it, but I am no longer lazy as I used to be. I am really working hard at my new job, and like it a lot. I have learned my new job wonderful, and my new C.O. realized that I have done a good job of training the 15 men under me.

It is pretty warm here now, and rains still every day. We are used to the rain and have been taught how to stay dry. No one in the company has been ill yet, as we take every precaution to keep healthy.

I am buying some souvenirs this week to send you to sell there. I will give you the price of them, and want you to sell them, deposit the money in a savings account in the bank for me, and let me know how much you got for them. I have a partner, Nat Reinfeld, and have to give him half of the profit, so be sure and let me know how much you received for the whole thing. There will be several articles. I will tell you about them when I send them this week.

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

V--MAIL

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No. _____

From _____



(KINDLY STAMP)

To _____

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.A.

Mgt. Harold L. Bank, 20416617

(Sender's name)

Co H 167th Inf., APO 31

(Sender's address)

6 PM, San Francisco, Calif.

15 May 44

(Date)

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I received 3 letters from you today, and sure was glad to receive them. The latest was dated 2 May 44. Sure am glad you are on the ball with your correspondence.

I want you to start corresponding with your Sister, Minnie, in California. I have received 2 letters from her daughter, and they want to keep in touch with you, so how about you writing to them. Right?

We had the day off today, Monday, because we walked all day Sunday. But I managed to keep busy the most of the day. Have you sent me the dozen cheap watch bands yet? Please do so right away. Also, I need dozens of the little wire-like things that hold the strap to the watch, that has a little wire-like spring on them. I think they cost about a dime or fifteen cents. Please send me some for an ordinary watch, will you?

I think that the buy of that store and houses is a good buy. Why don't you invest the money in it? You ought to invest in more property, and maybe after the war, when we are all together we will build a house on some of it. Right? So go ahead and buy it.

It isn't as the devil today, and I mean hot. I managed to keep busy all day long. I made me an aluminum watch band, and it really looks good. A lot of the boys are making them over here and selling them for \$18.00 or more. There is a plentiful supply of aluminum over here.

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

Harold

V-MAIL

Print the complete address in plain seven letters in the plain arrow, and your return address in the space provided. Use hyphenation, dash, dot, or slash. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

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ACQUAINTANCE STAMP

To Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.A.

From
Sgt. Harold L. Park, 2041657

Go M 16701 ZAF, APO 31

17
* PM, San Francisco, Calif

18 May 44

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Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I came in from a long 2 day hike through the jungle today, and received 3 letters from you, and 3 from Lottie, dated the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of May. So the V-mail letters are getting here in 13 days, which is very good work. Isn't it? Daddy, you might think that I am joking, but I walked through the jungle today, and suffered more than I believe I have ever before in my life. We had no water. And it was so hot we could hardly make it, especially with millions of mosquitoes biting you all of the time. But I made it alright, and feel alright now. It was rough going.

I have seen no action as yet, and don't think I will for a long time. I have lost some weight, thank goodness, and my mustache is getting along fine. thank you. I look like a native.

Sure am glad Lister Hill won. I was worried for a while. Went in swimming a little while this afternoon to get cooled off after the jungle hike, and it sure did feel good. Then when I got to camp, I took a cool shower, and changed clothes, and felt like anew person. We get plenty of water, but not always when hiking through the jungle.

If you want to send me something, send me candy bars, not the pound boxes, because they won't keep, and send me some cans of fruit juices, plenty of it regularly, and some bottles of cherries. You know you can only send a 5 pound box at a time, but can send me a 5 pound box every week. Right? I sure can use it.

Please send me Aunt Stella's address. I only know the Stanleigh Hotel, Chicago. Is that enough? I will write her tonight.

I don't want you to sell the store. Keep it. Close earlier, and open later, don't work as hard, but don't sell the store. You spent years building it up, and now don't sell it. Understand. I am planning on going in it with you after the war. So don't sell it. Things will be hard after the war, and you will want the store then. Right? Sorry to hear of Arnold's baby's illness, I hope it is alright now. I received the \$25.00 you sent me before I left the states, and have already sent you a \$37.50 bond, and will send you another one this month. I will get the \$75.00 I owe you paid back soon. Right? We have no use for money down here, as we can't buy anything. I still have the \$37.50 bond coming to you, and have raised my allotment to \$40.00 a month to the bank. Instead of changing it to a saving account, as I can't check on it anymore. Please let me know as soon as you change it to a savings account. Right? Send me some cans of nuts, good nuts, and I need them. Too bad about Rosa being sick, and your secretary quitting. I am not getting the paper, teeth and getused to them. me at same address and send any magazines, except books, write soon.

V--MAIL

I don't need a fan. Where you can't tell you. You can wire me code address to AMHS. No, don't life magazine. Don't need a shoe

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No.

From

Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20416637

(Sender's name)

Co M 167th Inf., APO 31

(Sender's address)

4 PM, San Francisco, Calif.

20 May 44

(Date)



To Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.A.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, today is Saturday, and it is raining, so I don't think that I will go to the beach till tomorrow. Well the required time has passed, so I can tell you of the trip over here. You see, we had to wait till a certain time had passed. We left Virginia about 5 days after I called you, and spent 4 days in the Panama Canal. We went ashore and went in Port Amadora and loafed around one afternoon, and saw a show on shore that night. They had a USO show one night on shore with pretty girls in it. I am sending you today a certificate I got when I crossed the equator. Please frame it and put it in my room. I will exchange it for a better one when I get home someday. We left Balboa, in the Panama Canal, [redacted] We stayed there one more day, and then started the long trip across the wide expanse of Pacific, and I mean it is a big thing. So you see, I didn't get close to San Francisco to see Aunt Minnie. It was a long, tiresome trip, and the Atlantic was real rough the first 3 days, but the Pacific was only rough a little one day. We are living in tents just like in Florida, but there are no floors. The food is all canned, and could be a lot better, but we have to be satisfied with what we have.

The Panama Canal is just like you read and see in pictures, and is just as I had expected. It sure is well protected.

Did you receive the box of souvenirs that I sent you about 3 weeks ago. You ought to read soon. Please take good care of them, and don't get rid of them, for someday I will tell you the whole story about these things. I can't in this letter. Why couldn't you get the hint about Ludwig Block when I called you? Huh? I believe you are slipping. Right? A simple hint like that! I am now doing command-ation work, and am no longer in the office. I knew the girl you mentioned from Memphis, Tenn. I dated her once when I was home last December. Cute, huh? Give her my regards the next time you see her, will you? Yes, I can use one of those long knives, if it is a nice one, and not a cheap one. Send me one right away. You remember I wanted one when I was home, and you said you would give me one when I went overseas. Be sure and put a scabbard with it. Right? That is all I need right now, except a box of food. Can you send me Sam Beatty's address and APO number over here? Please do.

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon, and keep that new set of teeth in your mouth! Hear?

Love,

Harold

V-MAIL

No.



To
Mr. & M. S. San Bank
3018-9th Street,
Tucson, Ala., U.S.A.

From

Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20416672

(Sender's name)

Co M 167th Inf., APO 31,

(Sender's address)

PO, San Francisco, Calif.

24 May 44

(Date)

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, folks, I haven't written in 3 days, because I have been on a 3 day hike. I received your mail today, and was glad to hear from you once again. We went out on a 3 day hike over the mountains, and I must say it was the hardest 3 days of my young life. We walked over the highest mountains I ever saw, and crossed a river, wading, 26 times. It was up to your neck and swift as the devil. It rained all day the second day, and we had no raincoats with us, and so got wet again. We built beds out of leaves and logs at night, and I slept 11 hours the first night, which is pretty darn good. On some of the mountains one slip of the foot and one would have fell hundreds of feet down to the rocky river or down a cliff. It was dangerous, but we had a lot of fun, all in all.

Heard from Lottie today, also. She sure does write to me often, and I am surely glad of it. The lights are out, and they are working on the generator, so I will have to cut this one short and will write more tomorrow. I am typing in the dark now, and can't tell if I make a mistake or not. Right? Sorry you don't like my short letters, but there is no news, and I hardly ever see a paper, so what can I talk about. Huh! The Tuscaloosa News hasn't started to come yet, but maybe it will in due time. Right? On the hike we carried 3 days food on our back and got water from the river, and didn't see no good, and write soon. civilization the whole trip.

Send me Sammie's address if you can. I received a card or note a letter from Grandma today, and all is well in Chicago. Send me some pickled herring and some dill pickles, and a lot of it. You said me 2 5 five pound boxes, instead of one 5 pound box, can't you? Send me six brownstars that you sell in the store.

Harold
Love,
Harold

P.S. Back again after an hour detour to the latrine, and now the lights are on again, how long, I don't know. I'll tell Major McCall to write the next time I see him. Please send me some canned food, and some cherries in jars, a pair of pajamas, some candy, like Baby Ruths, or something like that, not pound candy, because that won't keep, a salad or two or three, some pecans; send some hard candy, a lot of nuts, and some cookies in cans or wrapped so they will keep. Yea, I have a separate picture of each of you, including Bert and Lottie. You see, I didn't want to be like Bert, and forget the pictures. I am surprised at you, because you know I always carry a picture of you. I have the one of you that you took and gave to Bert that you took when you renewed your naturalization papers in April, 1936. Remember? Did you get my Mother's Day Card? Well, YOUR NEW THEORY. I didn't get Emanuel's letter as yet. Don't send me any stationery or V-mail, as we get plenty of it here. Tell Dave to cancel it if he has not already sent it, will you? In good, and write soon.

H.B.

V-MAIL

No.



(POSTAGE STAMP)

To

Mrs. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3010-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.

From

Sgt. Harold L. Bank,
(Address)

Co M 167th Inf., APO 3
(Address)

1 PM, San Francisco, Cal.

27 May 44

(Date)

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I didn't receive a letter from you today, but guess I will get two letters tomorrow. Today is Saturday and I am the Sgt. of the Guard all day tomorrow. So I guess I won't go to the beach this weekend. It is the first time I am on guard in over 2 years. Some record, huh?

It is hot as the devil here today, and I have really been taking it easy since last Wednesday, when I finished the 3 day hike. That was really rough, and I am just getting over it. I still haven't received a newspaper. I got here, but guess they will catch up with me one of these days. Right?

If you haven't sent me the fountainpen yet, forget about it, as I have one now. Right? Am sure Glad Lister Hill won, and hope he stays in a long time.

Please send me some mustard and catsup. We don't get that over here. Also send me some fruit juices. The juices we get are made in Australia, and are terrible. I understand you can send more than a pound now, so please investigate, and if that is true, please keep a box on the way over here at least once every 10 days. Will you?

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

Harold

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.A.

From

Sgt. Harold L. Bank,

(Sender's name) 30419837

Co M 107th Inf., APO 3

(Sender's address)

% PM, San Francisco, Cal.

25 May 44

(Date)

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I received 3 letters from you today, and sure was glad to hear from you again after missing 2 days with no mail. Today is Sunday, and I am Sgt. of the Guard. I have placed my guard out, and all I have to do is sit in the office and write letters and sleep and read and eat. Same life, huh?

It is hot as the devil here today, and I mean hot. Sure would like to be in swimming, instead of sitting and writing letters.

Just saw where they are going to start making new cars again in July, so why don't you buy one? Huh? Do you need one?

Just got a letter from Eve Hoffman, Aunt Minnie's daughter in Cal. She has just heard from you also. I wrote to Grandma last night, and will probably get about 3 lines in answer to it in a couple of months. All of you Banks' are just alike, when it comes to correspondin'. Right?

I hope I get the box soon that you sent. Lottie has one on the way to me also.

I am about 150 miles from Sam Beatty, and haven't been able to get up there to see him yet. Please send me his organization, as the APO covers a lot of territory. Will you? And also Bill Deal's organization, also. Right?

I feel fine, and have lost about 10 pounds, or maybe a little more. I tell you all I can about over here. I have not met any SAM boys, in fact I have not met a soul since I came over here, except in my organization.

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon.

LWc,

Harold

V-MAIL

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No.

From

To Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U. S. A.

Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20416637
(Sender's name)
Co M 167th Inf., APO 31,
(Sender's address)
SFM, San Francisco, Calif.

2 June 44

(Date)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, I got back from the problem all right, and am none the worse for it. It was an easy problem, and I didn't get tired a bit. Wish all of them were like that. Right? It is not so hot here today, and sure am glad. Have been working on some Morse Code tonight, and am getting pretty good at sending it. We send it by lamp, and this is pretty hard to learn.

I didn't get a letter from you today, but guess I will get two tomorrow. That is the way it usually works. We didn't do anything but loaf around today, resting up from the problem yesterday, and getting our equipment clean. And that is a job, especially the mud and water on our clothes. We waded in creeks and mud holes up to our shoulders. The pictures you send magazines and shows that show the boys over here walking in mud and water is not a farce, as I used to think it, but it is the real thing, and I mean it is rough, walking for days, and sleeping on built up beds from logs and leaves. Right?

Did you ever get the box of souvenirs that I sent you from the battlefield? Be sure and keep them, as I wouldn't take a million dollars for it. Understand?

Today I sent you a miniature airplane made from bullets. I treasure it, because they are hard made by the Australians, and cannot be gotten easy. There is not enough money in Alabama to buy that plane from you, understand? I won't sell it for anything. So keep it and someday I will tell you the story about that plane and it's parts. Right? If you think you can sell one for \$100.00, let me know and I will get another one, or similar to that one, and send to you, if I can. I don't know if I can, or not. You can see it is all brass. Some of them are silver. Let me know, and I will try. If you can sell any of the letter openers like I sent you, let me know. They are brass also. You will have to get \$15.00 for them. If you think that you can sell them for that, let me know, and I will try and get a lot of them and send them to you. You see they are hard to get, because they are very expensive.

I got the letter from Manuel and already answered it. Please send me a radio immediately. We have electricity, and a repair man. Please send it right away. You might have to take it apart and send it in separate boxes, I don't know. Yes, we have a Jewish Base Chaplain. I haven't received any of the boxes yet, but expect them anyday. I saw Song of Russia, and it is a very good show. I saw it in Virginia. I read about the Japs allowing food to go to the prisoners, and sure am happy to learn this. I know they will need and be glad to receive it. I was going to communication school, but that is over now, and I enjoyed it. I left my bathing trunk with the stuff that I sent home from Pickett. They are gray. What is Chink Raymon's wife's name? Huh? Don't get disgusted, and sell the store. Keep it! Take a vacation and go to Hot Springs, if you want to, and get a rest, but open the store and keep it open. You can rest after the war. The boys here fighting don't rest, do they? I will write Bubler Brown tonight. I don't need fans! Write soon, and be good.

Love,

Harold

V-MAIL

No.



To

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.

From

Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20416437

(Sender's name)

Co M 167th Inf., APO 31,

(Sender's address)

FM, San Francisco, Calif.

4 June 44

(Date)

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, I went down to the beach on a 2 week detail yesterday, and spent one day and one night there. The order was changed and I am back with the company. It sure would have been a set up if I could have stayed the whole 2 weeks. I slept 2 yards from the ocean, and it sure was nice and cool. I swam all afternoon yesterday, and it was wonderful.

Haven't received any mail in 2 days. It is hot as the devil today, and looks like it will rain tonight.

Haven't worked but 2 days this week, and really have had it easy. Wish all weeks were like this. You folks at home think that we are living rough, but we are not. We live in nice tents, with electric lights. All companies don't have lights, however. We are eating a lot better now, and it is alright. We even get meat once a day now, and that is an exception.

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon. Here's the way to pack something that might spoil. Put it in a paper bag, and fold the top down, clip it together, and soak it in melted paraffin. You can get it at a drug store, I believe. Right?

Love,

Harold

V-MAIL



To
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Clark
1015 7th Street,
San Francisco, California, U.S.A.

San
Capt. Harold L. Clark
(Postmark) 10/10/44
Co. B 107th Inf., APO 31.
(Postmark)
10/10, San Francisco, Cal.
7 June 44
(Date)

DEAREST MOTHER & DADY:

I DIDN'T RECEIVE A LETTER FROM YOU TODAY, BUT GUESS I WILL GET ONE TOMORROW, OR RATHER TWO. I GOT ONE YESTERDAY DATED 25 MAY 44. HEARD OF THE INVASION LAST NIGHT, AND SURE AM HAPPY ABOUT IT ALL. HOPE THEY ARE IN BERLIN BY NEXT WEEK. RIGHT? I HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO THE RADIO ALL DAY LONG. HEARD GEN. EISENHOWER, ROOSEVELT, AND CHURCHILL SPEAK TODAY, AND SURE DID ENJOY THEM A LOT.

HAVEN'T DONE A THING THIS WEEK BUT SLEEP, READ, AND EAT, AND PLAY CHECKERS ALL DAY LONG. WENT TO A SHOW LAST NIGHT, AND SAW "HEY, ROOKIE", AND IT WAS PRETTY GOOD.

SINCE XMAS I HAVE WRITTEN ALL OF THE KIMPOLES AND HAVE ONLY HEARD FROM GRANDMA. I WILL NOT WRITE ANYMORE OF YOUR FOLKS TILL I GET AN ANSWER. UNDERSTAND? WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO WRITE ME A LETTER, MOTHER? PLEASE WRITE ME ONE SOON, SO THAT IT WILL BRING ME GOOD LUCK. I WILL NEED IT SOON. SO PLEASE WRITE IT AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE THIS, WILL YOU?

THAT IS ALL, SO BE GOOD, AND WRITE SOON.

LOVE,

Harold

P.S. DADY, MY OLD COMMANDING OFFICER BROKE HIS BACK IN PANAMA ON THE WAY OVER HERE, AND WAS SENT BACK TO THE STATES. HE IS NOW AT NORTHINGTON GENERAL HOSPITAL, AND I WANT YOU TO GO OUT TO SEE HIM AND TAKE HIM SOMETHING. HE IS CAPTAIN KING S. BUTLER, AND IS A VERY NICE FELLOW. HE MADE ME CORPORAL, AND GAVE ME MY START WITH THE COMPANY CLERK JOB. HE WAS VERY NICE TO ME, AND I WANT YOU TO GO OUT AND SEE HIM REGULARLY, AND HAVE HIM OUT TO DINNER IF WE CAN WORK OUT THERE. GO TO SEE HIM RIGHT AWAY, AND TELL HIM I SAID HELLO. HE USED TO GO TO THE UNIVERSITY AND PLAY FOOTBALL ABOUT 1934. BE SURE AND LOOK HIM UP IMMEDIATELY AND LET ME KNOW THE RESULTS, RIGHT? THANKS A LOT.

Print the complete address in plain block letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

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[CENSOR'S STAMP]

To

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3015-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.

From

Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 2-416032
[Sender's name]
Co M 167th Inf., APO 31,
[Sender's address]
San Francisco, Calif.

10 June 44

[Date]

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I received two letters from you today, dated the 30th and 31st of May. That is only 11 days, and the quickest time yet to receive a letter from the States. It is really wonderful.

Just came back from the show and saw "Stormy Weather", a negro picture, and it sure was good. Saw Wallace Berry in "Nationing", Thursday nite, and it was good also. I thought about you, Daddy, when I saw it.

If you haven't sent the stipes, Staff Sergeant, don't send them, for Jake has already received them. I was just telling Jake about that letter you mentioned that he told about the trip over here. I was in Jake's tent that night he wrote it, and told him to tell his sister to show it to you so I wouldn't have to write so much. He said he wouldn't write my letters for me, and you got to see it anyway. It saved me the trouble of describing it. Now, I just told Jake about it, and we had a good laugh. That was really funny. I thought I was writing to Lottie and I wasn't, so you will not understand this above. Jake is a boy here in the company that has a sister working with Lottie.

I was sure sorry to hear of Arnold's baby dying, and please express my deepest sympathy to the Kartimels. I will write them this week. All, I guess you are not going to buy that corner of Manchik's, huh? That is too much money, I think.

I wrote Bubba a long letter last week, so that should make up for my negligence, right? I go swimming in the ocean, and never in the streams. We can't go in the streams or rivers, because you catch fungus disease in them. No one is allowed to go in in the streams or rivers. In the ocean there is nothing to bother you. Right? I am sure sorry to hear that Aunt Minnie is sick. Eve didn't mention it in her last letter. I can't find Bill Deal and Capt. F. Uett and Sam Beatty without their addresses. The A.C. number is not sufficient, as I must have their organizations. The A.C. number covers a large area. Thursday morning I had a surprise. Sam Goldblatt, from Montgomery came down to see me. I was glad to see him. He flew down, and stayed overnight, and left Friday. Boy, we sure did shoot the bull. He sure is a nice fellow. Please send me some toothpaste and Nennen's Skin balm, and that is about all for this trip. Masloff, on Julius's recent marriage. When he writes me of his marriage, I will write and congratulate him. Right? I have received about 4 letters, I mean papers, from there, so I guess they are being delayed somewhere. Where, who knows? Right?

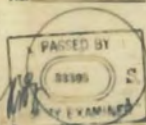
I don't see how Boyd, Walker, and Lindsey won the Board of Revenue. I was sure that Pat Lancaster would win. Boy, they sure elected 3 sorry men. Old Boyd has been running for office a long time, hasn't he? I saw the ad about the people not wanting Walker to win from his own part of the Country, and didn't think that he would win. He must have some politicians in town pulling for him. Right? I can't understand Bruce Shelton broadcasting the election returns from his office. What is the matter with him. Getting soft-hearted? I can't understand it. I am through with the communication school now. Hope you get them soon. That is all so write

so on. Love, Harold

V-MAIL

No.

From



[CENSOR'S STAMP]

To

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Hank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.

Sgt. Mar: 131. Bani, 20416637

[Sender's name]

Co M 167th Inf., APC 31

[Sender's address]

San Francisco, Calif.

16 June 44

[Date]

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I received a letter from you today, the first in four days, and sure was glad to hear from you. I haven't heard from Lottie in over 4 days, and wonder what is the matter. It is hot as the devil here, and I haven't done anything for the past 2 1/2 weeks but sleep and eat and read and swim. Some life, but it comes to an end Monday, when I go back to the field and start training once again. I sure hate to think of it.

Got the box from Lottie, and sure was glad to get it. It had a little bag of candy, bathing trunks, and a checker board.

Nothing to say, so be good, and write soon.

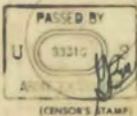
Love,

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V-MAIL

No.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank

Army Store,

Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.A.

Sgt. Harold L. Bank

20416637 (Sender's name)

Co-M 167th Inf APO 31,

(Sender's address)

4 PM, S. F., Calif.

20 June 44

(Date)

Dearest Mather & Daddy:

Well, here it is on the night before my 27th birthday. My Commanding Officer has one tomorrow also. Sure wish I was in a place to celebrate, but strictly am not.

Today we has a big inspection, and I mean I really had to work the last two days getting ready for it. It was a job, and how. I didn't write the past two days, because I didn't have a chance.

Went to the show tonight, and saw some of "Gangway for Tomorrow" but it started to rain and I left when it was half over.

Didn't get a letter today. Boy, it sure is hot here today and tonight also. I mean it is really hot.

Went to some good boxing matches the other night, and they had two technical K.O.'s, and some good bouts. I thought about those in Tuscaloosa when I went.

I haven't received a box from you yet, but expect one this week, and hope I am not disappointed. Right?

I thought we came over here to fight Japs, but it looks like all we are doing is have inspections. I hate them. I would rather take a 10 mile hike than have an inspection. But my platoon did fine, and I sure am glad.

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon. Yesterday I got three letters from you, and three from Lottie.

Love,

Harold

V-MAIL

No.



(POSTER'S STAMP)

To

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
3018- 5TH STREET
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

From

Sgt H.L. BANK, 204166

(Sender's name)

G.M., 167TH INF. A.R.O.

(Sender's address)

S.P.M., S.F., CALIF.

5 AUG. 46

(Date)

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

I DIDN'T GET MY MAIL FOR A FEW DAYS, BUT I
IMAGINE I HAVE SOME BACK AT THE COMPANY.

WELL, I FEEL ALRIGHT TO-DAY, SATURDAY, AND HOPE
I GO HOME TO-MORROW. I'M TIRED OF SLEEPING WITH
SICK & MOANING PEOPLE. RIGHT.

PLEASE SEND ME SOME COCA-COLAS IN A PACKAGE, &
A BOTTLE OF CATSUP, JELLY, CANDY, & CANNED GOODS.

IT'S A LITTLE COOL TO-DAY, AND HASN'T RAINED
SINCE LAST NIGHT!

I HEARD SOME WAR NEWS LAST NIGHT. BY THE TIME
THIS LETTER REACHES YOU, I PREDICT RUSSIA WILL BE
AT GERMANY'S BORDER. SEE HOW MUCH IT MIGHT HEAR?

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

LOVE,
HARRY

V.-MAIL

No.



(SENDER'S STAMP)

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
ARMY STORE
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

Sgt. H.L. BANK, 2091402
(Sender's name)
Co. H, 167th INF. A.P.C.
(Sender's address)
C/O P.M.S.F., CALIF.
19 AUG 44
(Date)

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

I RECEIVED MY FOURTH BOX FROM YOU TO-
DAY, AND JUST FINISHED THE CAN OF FRUIT. I
EAT THE PRUNES TO MORNING^{ROW}. IT SURE TASTED GOOD
AND HIPE I GET MORE SOON. BUT YOU ARE NOT
SENDING THE OTHER THINGS I ASKED FOR, LIKE
MY FOUNTAIN PEN AND WATCH BANDS.

GOT YOUR LETTER TO DAY OF JULY 29. YOUR
MAIL ALWAYS COMES THROUGH ON TIME, WHEREAS MY
OTHER MAIL DON'T. WHERE I AM NOW IN DURN N.G.
IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO SEND & RECEIVE MAIL.
SO I GUESS ALL MAIL WILL BE DELAYED SOMEWHAT.
RIGHT? NO, YOUR MOTHER GETS SOMEONE ELSE TO
WRITE HER LETTERS, BUT I DON'T CARE. IT LOOKS
LIKE YOUR NEECE IN CALIFORNIA DON'T LIKE TO WRITE.
TUNE WITH ALL BANK'S. RIGHT?
BE GOOD & WRITE SOON.

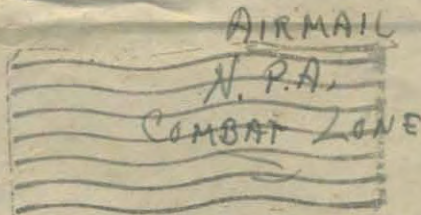
Love,

Norah

V-MAIL

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AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Sgt. H. L. BANK, 20K1663
Co. M, 167 TH INF, A.P.O.
C/O P. M., S.F., CALIF.



VIA AIR MAIL

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
3018-5TH STREET,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U. S. A.





AMERICAN RED CROSS

N.E.I.

1 Nov 44

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LOTTIE;

NO MAIL TO-DAY! I GOT A LETTER FROM ROSALIE YESTERDAY. HER HUSBAND IS OVERSEAS.

I WORKED ON MY NECKLACE SOME MORE TO-DAY, AND PUT AN EXTENSION TO A PHONE LINE. IT LOOKS LIKE RAIN TO-NIGHT! THE PACKAGE OF TOBACCO WAS SPOILED, BUT THE CAN WAS O.K. YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO PUT A PACKAGE IN A BOX, ESPECIALLY WHEN I SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR "BIG BEN".

I BROKE MY S.A.M. RING ON THE WAY OVERSEAS, AND SENT IT TO THE FACTORY IN APRIL. YESTERDAY I GOT IT BACK, NO CHARGE. SURE WAS GLAD TO GET IT BACK.

WHEN YOU INCLOSE A FEW ENVELOPES IN YOUR LETTERS, BE SURE AND PUT A SMALL PIECE OF CHEESE-PAPER ON IT TO KEEP IT FROM STICKING! RIGHT?

WE GOT PAID TO-DAY. I ALSO SENT YOU THE POWER OF ATTORNEY TO-DAY, SO FILE IT IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT, RIGHT? YOU COULD HAVE GOTTEN IT SIGNED THERE, I BELIEVE!



AMERICAN RED CROSS

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WELL, IT IS NOW 7:00 P.M., AND IT JUST STARTED TO RAIN! GOOD SLEEPING TONIGHT! RIGHT?

WELL, WE GOT OUR 4TH C.O., AT THIS OUTPOST YESTERDAY, HE IS THE SAME ONE THAT STARTED WITH US!

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, SO BE GOOD, AND WRITE SOON!

A BOY TOLD ME HE GETS SALAMIS FROM HOME ALL OF THE TIME, AND THEY COME IN CANS. TRY AND GET SOME.

LOVE,

Hand

AFTER 5 DAYS, RETURN TO

Sgt. H. L. BANK, 20416637

C. M. 165TH INF, A.P.O. 31

C/O P.M., S.F., CALIF.



MR. & MRS. SAM BANK **VIA AIR MAIL**
MISS LOTTIE BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U. S. A.

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ARMY EXAMINER



AMERICAN RED CROSS N.E. I.

DEAREST MOTHER, PADDY, LOTTIE; 2 Nov 44

NO MAIL TO-DAY. I WORKED ALL MORNING BUILDING A MESS-KIT (G.I. PLATE) RACK AND A BULLETIN. YOU'LL SEE THEM ON THE BACKGROUND OF SOME OF MY FUTURE PICTURES.

I HOPE YOU HAVE ALREADY SENT ME THE 2 DOZ. NECKLACE CHAINS IN AN AIRMAIL ENVELOPE. GET THEM AT THE DIME STORE. PLEASE DO IT TO-DAY!

WHEN YOU ENCLOSE A BLANK ENVELOPE IN YOUR LETTERS, LOTTIE, PUT A SMALL PIECE OF CHEESE-PAPER ON THE GLUE, SO IT WON'T STICK. RIGHT?

IT STILL LOOKS LIKE RAIN, BUT HASN'T RAINED AS YET!

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

LOVE,
DANNY

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Sgt. H. L. BANK, 20416637

Co. M, 167TH INF., A.P.O. 31,
F.O.P.M., S.F., CALIF.

AIR MAIL

U.P.A.

COMBAT ZONE

VIA AIR MAIL

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
3018-5TH STREET,

TOSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

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ARMY EXAMINER



AMERICAN RED CROSS

N.E.I.
4 Nov 44

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LOTTIE!

WE RECEIVED MAIL BY THE MAIL PLANE TODAY, BUT NONE FOR OL' CO.'M'. SO WE STILL HOPE TO GET SOME TOMORROW.

THIS MORNING I HAD A 4-MAN DETAIL TO RAKE UP THE AREA. WE DID A GOOD JOB ON IT. WE ARE GETTING READY FOR A BIG INSPECTION NEXT WEEK. I HAD MY BOY WASH ALL OF MY CLOTHES YESTERDAY, AND NOW EVERYTHING I HAVE IS CLEAN. HE JUST SHOWED ME THE EBONY WOOD HE GOT TO MAKE ME A WALKING STICK. THEY SURE MAKE SOME NICE ONES. I'LL SEND IT TO YOU AS SOON AS I GET A CHANCE. RIGHT? I KNOW YOU WILL LIKE IT, DADDY! IT RAINED ALL NIGHT LAST NIGHT, BUT NOT TO-DAY!

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON. I'M GOING UP TO A LARGE NATIVE VILLAGE TOMORROW TO TAKE SOME PICTURES.
LOVE, Harold

FORM 539A



AMERICAN RED CROSS

N.E.I.
3 Nov 44

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LOTTIE!
WELL, NO MAIL TO-DAY, ALTHOUGH WE WERE SUPPOSED TO GET SOME.

IT IS NOW 6:50 P.M., AND I JUST GOT THRU WITH AN HOUR'S EXERCISE WEIGHT LIFTING. ONE OF THE BOYS HERE FROM ANOTHER COMPANY REALLY KNOWS THE STUFF, AND SHOWS ME ALL OF THE EXERCISES. ALL OF THE BOYS CROWD AROUND AND WATCH, AND TELL ME I CAN'T DO THIS AND THAT, WE HAVE A WEIGHT 90 LBS. AND THE 2ND LT. BET I COULDN'T PUT IT UP WITH ONE HAND, AND I DID TWICE WITH ONE HAND, AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY. THE BOY I WORK WITH IS A POLISH, GOOD-LOOKING BOY 6FT. 11IN, FROM CHICAGO, AND IS A PHYSICAL SPECIMAN. HE SURE IS A NICE FELLOW. BOY, HOW I LOVE TO USE THOSE ~~WEIGHTS~~ WEIGHTS. IT RAINED ALL AFTERNOON, AND I WORKED ON MY BRACELETS. BE SURE AND SEND THE CHAINS IMMEDIATELY. SEND ME SOME FOOD. HAD GOOD FISH TO-DAY.
LOVE, Harold

FORM 539A

AT
Sgt. T. J. [unclear]
Co. M, 7th INF. A.P.O. 34
C/O P.M., S.F., CALIF.

ATTN
N.P.A.
COMBAT ZONE

VIA AIR MAIL

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
30.18- 5TH STREET,

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.





AMERICAN RED CROSS

N.E.I.

7 NOV 44

DEAREST DADDY, MOTHER, & LOTTIE:

WELL, THE SUPPLY BOAT CAME IN TO-DAY, AND I GOT 8 LETTERS, THE 6 FROM YOU, DADDY, THE LATEST DATED OCT 25, WHICH WAS AIRMAIL WITH THE CLIPPINGS ABOUT GEN. PERSONS. I SURE DID ENJOY READING THEM, AND HOPE YOU SEND ME MORE OF THEM.

IT HAS BEEN RAINING ALL DAY LONG, THE WIND IS BLOWING, AND IT ~~LOOKS~~ LOOKS LIKE NO LET UP TO-NIGHT.

YOU DON'T KNOW HOW HAPPY I WAS TO HEAR THE NEWS ABOUT BERT. BUT YOU MISSED YOUR 10 DAYS PREDICTION, FOR IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE I LOOK HIM (BERT) UP. I BELIEVE WE WILL BE HERE A LONG TIME.

WE WERE ALL READY FOR THE BIG INSPECTION TO-DAY, BUT THEY CAN'T COME MAYBE TO-MORROW!

FORM 539A



AMERICAN RED CROSS



PLEASE SEND ME SOME CANNED FRUIT, JUICES, EXCEPT PINEAPPLE, SARDINES, AND ANY OTHER FOOD, LIKE COOKIES AND CANDY.

WHO ELSE IN TOWN IS HANDLING YOUR GOODS? HUH?

YOU MENTION THE BIG BOY I PLAYED AGAINST BESSEMER, WELL, YOU ARE WRONG, FOR I DEALT HIM AS MUCH MISERY AS HE DID ME. YOU DIDN'T SEE ANY SCARS OR BLACK EYES ON ME AFTER THE GAME, DID YOU?

WE HAVE NO CHAPLAIN WITH US HERE AT THE OUT-POST. I DIDN'T GET THE KNIFE YET, BUT EXPECT IT SOON! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE BILL DEAL IS NOW! DO YOU? WHERE'S SAM BEATTY STATIONED NOW? BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

Love,

Natalie

FORM 539A

FROM

TO MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
ARMY STORE
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

Sgt. H.L. BANK, 20416637
G.M., 167TH INF, A.P.O. 31,
40 P.M., S.F., CALIF.
13 NOV 44

(SENDER'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

N.E.I.

WELL, NO MAIL TODAY. THIS MORNING I PACKED MY STUFF TO MOVE TO ANOTHER AREA NEAR HERE. SURE HATE TO LEAVE THIS ISLAND PARADISE TO-MORROW, BUT WHEN YOU GOT TO GO YOU GOT TO GO. RIGHT?

THIS AFTERNOON I WALKED UP TO MY BOY'S WEEKLY HOME. YOU SEE, ALL THE NATIVES KEEP 2 OR 3 HOMES, ONE AROUND THE HILLS, AND ONE IN THE VILLAGE, WHERE THEY GO ON SUNDAY TO DRESS, GO TO CHURCH, AND VISIT AND PLAY CARDS. THEY REALLY GO IN FOR DRESSING UP IN WHITE TO GO TO CHURCH. TO-DAY I GOT A LARGE 3 PRONG FORK, WOODEN, AND A SPOON. YOU'LL LIKE THAT. SO WHEN I SHIP ALL OF OF THIS STUFF TO YOU, I'LL TRY TO GET SOMETHING ELSE. I GOT 2 CANES (TUNKOK), BUT ONE IS NOT SO HOT, AND UNFINISHED, AND YOU CAN GET IT FIXED BY YOUR AX-HANDLE MAKER. RIGHT?

MY BOY AND HIS FRIEND ARE HERE NOW, 7:25 PM, AND WE'RE BATTLING THE BREEZE. BAGOOSE (GOOD).
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON.

LOVE,

Harold

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REPLY BY
V...-MAIL

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FROM

TO MR. & MRS. SAM BARK
ARMY STORE
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

SGT. H.L. BARK, 2046637
C.M. 1674 INF, A.P.O. 34
P.O. BOX, S.F., CALIF.
16 NOV 44

(SENDER'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

A.R.

DEAREST MOTHER DADDY:

WELL, ALL I HAVE DONE TODAY IS LAY AROUND,
DRAW SOME NEW CL OTHES, STRAIGHTEN SOME OF MY
JUNK, SHOOT BULL WITH MY BOY, AND GET MY
COMMUNICATION STUFF READY TO WORK.

IT'S NOW HOT AS THE DEVIL, 3:30 P.M., AND
THINK I'LL GO IN SWIMMING IN A FEW MINUTES,
AND TAKE A SHOWER.

BILL DEAL CAME AROUND YESTERDAY, AND WE SHOT
BULL FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS. HE LOST WEIGHT, AND
SURE LOOKS GOOD. HE IS A BN. SUPPLY OFFICER, AND

HAS AN EASY JOB. I'M SELLING THE WATCH BANDS
FOR \$1.50. HOW MUCH DO THEY COST? SEND ME ONE MORE
DOZEN WATCH BANDS. BOY, THAT SYRUP WAS WONDERFUL ON

THE HOT CAKES THIS MORNING. SEND ME SOME MORE
SYRUP. I'LL SEND YOU SOME PICTURES AS SOON AS I

GET THEM BACK. HAD AN AIR-RAID LAST NIGHT, BUT
ALL IS O.K. NO DAMAGE! I SENT A MONEY ORDER TO

THE BANK, AND WILL SEND ANOTHER SOON I HAVEN'T BIT
THE KNIFE. I GET ALL OF THE THINGS, BUT IT TAKES A LONG
TIME. PUT THE DATE ON ALL OF YOUR PACKAGES SO I CAN TELL
HOW LONG IT TAKES TO GET HERE. NOW, DON'T FORGET! I DON'T SELL

A HALF-INTEREST IN THE STORE. YOU'RE NOT READY FOR
THAT YET. KEEP WHAT YOU HAVE TILL I GET HOME! UNDERSTAND?

YOU MADE THAT MISTAKE ONCE WITH HENRY ISABEL! REMEMBER? WHY
DON'T LITTLE GO BACK TO SCHOOL? I SENT IN A BALLET LAST MONTH

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE
ADDRESS AT TOP?

MAIL

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE
ADDRESS AT TOP?



(CENSOR'S NAME)

TO: MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
3018 5TH STREET,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM

ST. H. L. BANK, 21460

C.S.M. 167TH INF. A.P.O. 31,

DAYTON, OH., CALIF.

20 NOV 45

(Sender's complete address above)

N.C.I.

DEAREST Mother & Daddy!

WELL, NO MAIL TO DAY. WE MOVED TO DAY TO OUR BETTER PLACE. WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL BEACH THAT IS REALLY NICE. IT NICE WHITE SAND. I HAD TO PUT UP NEW WIRE FOR THE ELECTRIC LIGHTS, AND I'M SURE WAS A HOT JOB. THE LARGE BULB I WAS SO PROUD OF IS NO MORE. OUR DOCTOR, ACHTAIN, YIDRISH, FROM N.Y. CAME OVER AS I WAS MOVING AND PICKED UP A LARGE SHELL I GOT TO SEND YOU, AND DROPPED IT ON THE BULB. I NEARLY DIED. BUT, YES, I BORROWED ANOTHER, AND ALTHOUGH NOT AS LARGE, IS O.K. I WONDER IF YOU COULD FIND ME AN ENGLISH-MALAYAN DICTIONARY! IF NOT THERE, MAY BE IN B'HAM.

WE ARE UP HIGH NOW, AND IT'S COOL UP HERE. I LIKE IT A LOT.

MY BOY IS STUDYING ENGLISH HERE NEXT TO ME, AND HE WROTE A LETTER LAST NIGHT. I HAVE ANOTHER TENT FOR THEM THAT DON'T LEAK, AND CELSIUS BUILT US A FRAME FOR IT. I DON'T THINK I'LL BUILD A FLOOR. RIGHT? THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, SO BE GOOD & WRITE SOON.

PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD!

Love,
Hank

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REPLY BY
V-MAIL

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ADDRESS AT TOP?

Sgt. H. L. BANK, 20416677
Co. M, 167TH INF, A.P. 031,
40 P. M., S.F., CALIF.



MR & MRS. SAM BANK
3018 1/2 TH STREET
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U. S. A.

SOLDIER'S MAIL



12/12/44



AMERICAN RED CROSS

N.E.T.

23 NOV 44

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY!

WELL, NO MAIL TO-DAY. I REALLY
PUT IN A DAY'S WORK TO-DAY. I
WORKED ALL-DAY PUTTING IN PHONE
LINES.

IT IS COOL TO-NIGHT, AND LOOKS
LIKE RAIN. IT SPRINKLED LAST NIGHT,
THE SEND TIME SINCE WE GOT HERE.

TO-DAY IS THANKSGIVING, AND WE
REALLY HAD A NICE TURKEY SUPPER, THE
TURKEY WAS YOUNG AND TENDER, AND
WE HAD GOOD BUTTER-SCOTCH CAKE
AND PEACHES WITH IT.

I WAS JUST FIGURING, WHILE
CLEANING OUT MY JUNK, ABOUT WHAT
I HAD AS TO A FINANCIAL STANDING,
THAT I'S SAVED SINCE COMING OVER-
SEAS, INCLUDING MY BOND & ALLOT-
MENT. OVER \$1,000.00, WITH THE TWO
BONDS FOR \$2600.00, DADDY GAVE
ME THE LAST 2 XMAS! RIGHT?

I RAN ACROSS A FEW PAPERS
I THOUGHT I'D SEND HOME FOR
YOU TO KEEP, I WANT YOU TO



AMERICAN RED CROSS

KEEP ALL OF MY LETTERS AND
PAPERS AND JUNK I SEND YOU.
THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS
I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT
WHEN I GET HOME, AND I MIGHT
NOT REMEMBER THEM WITHOUT MY
LETTERS. SO PLEASE PUT ALL OF
IT IN A BOX, AND DON'T FORGET.
ALSO I WANT TO FINISH MY
DIARY WHERE I LEFT OFF WHEN
WE CAME OVERSEAS. RIGHT?

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON. TO-DAY
I SENT YOU WHAT WE CALL A
CAT-EYE. YOU CAN USE IT AS A
PAPER WEIGHT. IT IS CALLED A
MOTAC-BIA, AND IT COMES OUT OF
A LARGE SHELL THAT IS ALIVE
IN THE OCEAN. IT GROWS AND
PUSHES THIS CAT-EYE OUT, AND
THE WAVES FINALLY WASH IT
UP ON SHORE. THEY ARE VERY
RARE IN THIS SIZE, ALTHOUGH
THE SMALLER ONES ARE COMMON.
PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD

LOVE,

Harold

Print the complete address in plain letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided on the right. Use typewriter, dark ink, or dark pencil. Faint or small writing is not suitable for photographing.

TO
MR. & MRS. SAM BARK
BARK STORE
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.
U.S.A.

FROM

ST. M. L. BARK, 2041637
C. M. 167TH AVE, A. P. 31,
YOR. M., S. F., CALIF.
24 Nov 44

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

N.E.E.

WELL, NO MAIL TODAY. I WORKED HARD ALL DAY WITH THE NATIVES PUTTING UP PHONE WIRE. THESE NATIVES IN THIS VILLAGE ARE SO DUMB THAT I GET DISGUSTED WITH THEM EVERYTIME I'M AROUND THEM. THE ONES IN THE LAST PLACE WERE INTELLIGENT AND WOULD WORK, BUT NOT THESE. FISHING THIS MORNING, SOME OF THE BOYS WENT FISHING BUT THEY DIDN'T CATCH AS MANY AS USUAL.

AS SOON AS YOU GET THIS PLEASE PUT A COUPLE OR 3 PACKAGES IN AN AIRMAIL ENVELOPE, AND SEND IT TO ME. ALSO PLEASE SEND ME A DOZEN SPOOLS OF DIME-STORE THREAD, ANY COLOR IF YOU CAN GET SOME. THREAD THAT IS WRAPPED FLAT, THAT IS OK, BECAUSE THAT IS GOOD TO PUT IN AN ENVELOPE, RIGHT?

I SENT EUE HOFFMAN 2 BRACELETS, THAT I JUST MADE. I JUST GOT THROUGH BATHING AND GOING IN CONFERENCE, AND IT'S NOW 7 P.M. AND MOST OF THE BOYS ARE SLEEP, AND I'M REALLY TIRED & SLEEPY.

SO BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

LOVE,
NAMES

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

N.E.I.
28 NOV 44

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

WELL TO-DAY I HIT THE JACK-PO.
I GOT 4 LETTERS, 3 FROM YOU, 15 PAPERS,
AND 5 PACKAGES, 4 FROM YOU, AND THE
2 WATER BAGS FROM MR. WETZEL.
I'LL WRITE HIM TO-NIGHT. FROM YOU

I GOT THE KNIFE, CANNED GOODS, CANDY,
PECANS IN 2 PACKAGES, & CHERRIES. WAS
THE CAKE FROM YOU OR REGINA? I
WANT TO WRITE HER. THE LITTLE
KIT FROM LORNE SURE IS THE
NICEST THING I EVER SAW. I
LOVE IT. THE CAKE IS WONDERFUL.

I SURE WAS HAPPY YOU GOT
TO MEET MAJ. GRASHIO. SURE WISH
I HAD BEEN THERE.

THE BOAT CAME IN TO-DAY,
AND I GOT MY CAMERA BACK. I
LEFT IT IN THE SUPPLY ROOM
FOR THE INVASION IN SEPT.
AND IT JUST GOT UP HERE.
I WAS SORRY TO HEAR MR.

FORM 539A



AMERICAN RED CROSS

DADES DIED BUT WHEN YOU GOT
TO GO, YOU GOT TO GO.

IT SURE WAS NICE OF MR.
WETZEL TO SEND ME THOSE 2
WATER BAGS, AND I SURE DO
APPRECIATE IT A LOT. THEY'RE
A LOT OF HELP TO US OVER
HERE.

LOTTIE ASKED ME IF I
REMEMBERED GRASHIO. I WAS
THE ONE WHO HAD TO TALK
TO HIM WHEN MOTHER & DADDY
STARTED TO CRY LAST DEC/43.
RIGHT, POP?

READ THE LETTER OVER
ABOUT ROBERT

DADDY, YOU KEEP TRYING YOUR
TEETH A LITTLE EACH DAY
TILL YOU CAN WEAR THEM. UNDER-
STAND? I GOT ANOTHER CANE
TO-DAY, EVERYONE TRADES WITH
THE NATIVES. IT'S THE ONLY
WAY YOU CAN GET THE

FORM 539A

Sgt. H. L. BANK, 2041 6637
Co. M, 167TH INF, A.P.O. 31,
40 P.M., S.F., CALIF.



~~SOLDIER'S MAIL~~

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
3018-5TH STREET,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

12/18/44



N.E.I.T.

3 DESK
SUNDAY

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

WELL, I RECEIVED 4 LETTERS FROM
YOU YESTERDAY, THE LATEST DATED NOV 11/44.

I DIDN'T WRITE THE ~~VARIOUS~~ PAST 3 DAYS,
BECAUSE THURSDAY WE WERE ALL PACKED TO MOVE
BACK HERE FRIDAY. FRIDAY WE DIDN'T MOVE. SAT-
URDAY WE MOVED ALL DAY, SO WE ARE BACK
HERE ONCE AGAIN.

WE WERE ALL PACKED TO MOVE FRIDAY,
LOADED ON THE BOAT, GOT WET TO OUR HIPS,
THEN HAD TO GET OFF, GET WET AGAIN, AND
LEFT THE NEXT DAY, AFTER WAITING 3 1/2 HOURS
FOR THE MOVE. THE SHORT MOVE WAS AS
USUAL, MESSED UP. RIGHT?

TO-DAY I PUT UP SOME ELECTRIC
LIGHTS FOR THE CAPTAIN, BUT WE WON'T HAVE
ANY TILL TO-MORROW, PROBABLY I'M NOW THE
PROUD POSSESSOR OF A NEW COLEMAN GAS
LANTERN. I AM UNABLE TO GET THE USEABLE
PARTS. PLEASE GO IN A JET AND GET ME ABOUT
1 DOZEN PAIR OF MANTLES, AND 6 GENERATORS
FOR IT, PLEASE IT RIGHT AWAY.
WE DON'T HAVE SUCH A NICE AREA HERE.

IT IS TOO DUSTY.

PLEASE SEND ME SOME CANNED GOODS,
AND SYRUP. THOSE CARDINAL CHERRIES SURE
ARE GOOD.

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

LOVE,
Harold

N.E.I.
4 DEC 44

DEAREST LOTTIE;

WELL, I GOT 2 LETTERS TO-DAY, AND A
BOX OF CANDY AND NUTS FROM MARTELLE. THEY
SURE WERE GOOD.

I WORKED ALL DAY, UNTIL IT STARTED
RAINING ABOUT FOUR O'CLOCK. I PUT UP A LOT
OF PHONE AND ELECTRIC LIGHTS. WE NOW HAVE
LIGHTS IN OUR TENTS, WHICH IS A BIT OF
ALRIGHT.

NAT IS BACK WITH US NOW, AND
HAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH HIS HANDS.
HE HAS THEM ALL TAPED UP. HE HAS
SOME KIND OF ROT. HE SAYS YOU OWE
HIM A LETTER NOW.

DADDY STATES THAT YOU ACTUALLY
STAYED IN THE STORE A WHOLE WEEK.
CONGRADULATIONS. I KNEW YOU COULD DO
IT.

IT IS NOW 7 P.M. AND I'M CHARGE
OF QUARTERS, AND THEREFORE HAVE TO
STAY UP TILL 10 P.M. TO TURN OFF THE
LIGHT MOTOR. IT HAS BEEN RAINING

ALL EVENING.

GOT A LETTER FROM ALBERT
HOFFMAN TO-DAY, HE SEEMS LIKE A
NICE FELLOW, TO BE A BANK, RIGHT?
IT IS (NICE AND COOL TONIGHT,
WHICH MAKES FOR GOOD SLEEPING.
I'M GOING TO TRY AND GO OVER
TO SEE DULY DEAL TO-MORROW, IF
I CAN GET OFF.

NAT JUST CAME IN, AND IS
READING THE LATEST NEWS REPORTS,
HE IS NOW A PRIVATE, YOU KNOW, FOR THE PAST
COUPLE OF MONTHS. HE GOT A RAW DEAL,
I THINK.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, SO BE GOOD AND
WRITE SOON! BY THE WAY, I HAVEN'T HEARD
FROM YOU IN OVER TWO WEEKS! WHY?

Love,
Dandy

Sgt. H.L. BANK, 78 ARK 37
Co. M, 167 TH INF. 12 P. 8.31/
C/O P.M. S.F. 18 30 AM
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MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
ARMY STORE,

JUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.



P.E.F.
7 DEC 44

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

WELL, TO-DAY THREE YEARS AGO ALL OF THIS TROUBLE STARTED. AND LOOK WHERE WE ARE TO-DAY, HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD, WITH NO END OF THE WAR IN SIGHT.

I WENT DOWN TO SEE BILL DEAL TO-DAY, BUT HE HAS GONE TO NEW GUINEA FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS. HIS OUTFIT IS ONLY A MILE FROM ME. SO I'LL GO BACK NEXT WEEK.

DADDY, PLEASE SEND ME THOSE MANTLES, 3 DOZEN SETS, AND THE 6 GENERATORS FOR MY COLEMAN GAS LANTERN RIGHT AWAY. IF YOU CAN'T GET THEM, ORDER THEM. RIGHT?

WE HAVE A BOY IN MY TENT FROM BESSEMER WHO IS THE FUNNIEST 6" 2' BOY I EVER SAW. HE KEEPS ME LAUGHING ALL OF THE TIME.

THE BOYS IN THE NEXT TENT GOT A PHONOGRAPH TO-DAY, AND ARE REALLY PLAYING SOME GOOD MUSIC.

DADDY, I THINK YOU OUGHT TO SELL THE CAR IF YOU CAN'T GET GAS.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT? DON'T STORE
IT. SELL IT. MY ACCOUNT IS WITH THE
FIRST NATIONAL BANK. RIGHT?

DADDY, DON'T SELL UNCLE MORIS
 $\frac{1}{2}$ INTEREST IN THE STORE. I DON'T
LIKE FAMILY AFFAIRS. UNDERSTAND?

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

LOVE,

Harold

P.S. I GOT YOUR "V" MAIL TODAY DATED
24 NOV 44, AND IT CAME IN
THE ORIGINAL FORM! HOW
ABOUT WRITING AIR-MAIL
FROM NOW ON? HUN?

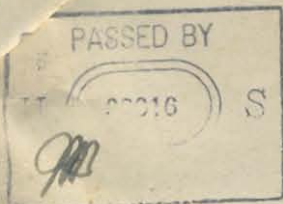
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MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
ARMY STORE
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

12/20/44



M.E.I.
11 DEC 44

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

WELL, NO MAIL TO-DAY, ALTHOUGH I DID GET TWO B'HAM. NEWS DATED SEPT. 12 AND 19TH. MODERN NEWS, ISN'T IT?

I LOAF AROUND ALL DAY, DOING A LOT OF NOTHING, AND MADE SOME BRACELETS, TOOK A NAP THIS AFTER NOON, AND SOLD 3 BRACELETS FOR 15 GUILDERS. (1 GUILDER = 53¢). NOT BAD, HUH?

I HAVE A NEW PROCESS FOR FINISHING THE SHELLS NOW. I USE PLASTER OF PARIS, THEN SHINE WITH A SORT OF SHELLAC. IT REALLY IS GOOD THAT WAY. I SENT LOTTIE ONE LAST NIGHT! HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY FROM ME YET?

I SAW IN THE PAPER ABOUT JAMES DONEGAN. THAT WAS A TERRIBLE THING. YET, YOU LET THESE OFFICERS IN THE AIR CORPS HAVE ALL OF THEIR RIBBONS.

RIGHT? WELL, THEY CAN HAVE THEM!!!
BOY, IT SURE HAS BEEN HOT TO-DAY. WE STILL HAVE TO WEAR LEGGINS AND JACKETS

DADDY, FATHER GOT A RADIO IN THE MAIL, WRAPPED IN A PASTE-BOARD WITH A LOT OF PAPER AROUND IT. HOW ABOUT TALKING TO THE POST MASTER AND SEE IF YOU CAN SEND ME ONE. BE SURE AND LET A RADIO MAN CHECK THE CONDITION OF IT, AND LET HIM PACK IT. PLEASE DO THIS RIGHT AWAY,

AS I SURE DO NEED IT, RIGHT?
I GUESS YOU KNOW TO-DAY IS YOUR
YEARSIDT, THIRTEEN YEARS AGO TO-DAY YOUR
FATHER PASSED AWAY, DADDY! RIGHT?

ALSO I BE YOU FORGOT THAT NOV. 1
THE ARMY STORE, INC., CELEBRATED IT'S

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY. RIGHT?

BE SURE AND KEEP ME POSTED ON ALL OF
THE FOOTBALL SCORES. HOW ABOUT SENDING ME
THE SCORE SHEET OF ALL FOOTBALL, AND
BASKETBALL GAMES FROM THE SUNDAY PAPERS.
HUH?

MATRIMONY IS SOMETHING THAT THE
BACHELOR AVOIDS. AND THE WIDOWER ESCAPES.

AN OLD MAID BORN IN VANCOUVER
ONE DAY MET A MAN BY MANEUVER
SHE KNEELED ON HIS KNEE
WITH A CHORTLE OF GLEE
AND NOTHING COULD EVER REMOVE HER!

BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

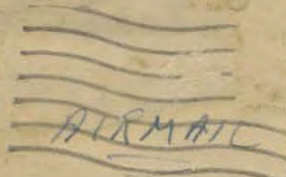
LOVE,
Herald

A. L. BANK, 20416

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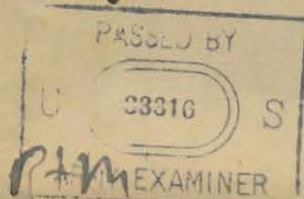
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S.F., CALIF.



MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

12/15/44



N.E.T.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:
WELL, NO MAIL TO-DAY FROM YOU, ALTHOUGH
I DID GET THREE LETTERS, INCLUDING A XMAS
CARD FROM EVE HOFFMAN.
TO-DAY I HAD IT PRETTY EASY, BEING^{IT}
IS SATURDAY. WE CLEANED UP THE TENT FOR
AN INSPECTION, BUT DIDN'T HAVE ONE, THANK
GOODNESS. SO I MADE 2 BRACELETS, SLEPT,
AND LOAFED ALL DAY. BOY, IT SURE IS
HOT HERE NOW, AND BECAUSE OF SOME
CRAZY RULE, WE HAVE TO KEEP OUR LEGGINGS
AND JACKETS ON ALL DAY LONG. THAT'S THINGS
LIKE THAT THAT MAKES THE ARMY SO ROUGH!

RIGHT?

I'M SENDING YOU A DIME-DOOLE
WITH MY NAME IN IT!

JUST TOOK A GOOD BATH. THE "PX" IS
ACROSS THE STREET, AND WE CAN GET TOILET
ARTICLES AND CANDY THERE.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, SO BE GOOD
AND WRITE SOON! PLEASE SEND ME SOME
CANDY, COOKIES, CHERRIES, AND CANNED
FOODS!

LOVE,
Harold

Print the complete address in plain block letters in the space below. Use your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

No.

From

Sgt. H.L. Bank, 20416637

(Sender's name)

Co M 167th Inf APO 31

4 PM, S. E. UNIT.

To

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3019-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.

[CENSOR'S STAMP]

[Date]

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I haven't written the past few days because we have been getting ready to move away from this place. I don't know where we are going, but we are going. We are now on the ship, therefore, I cannot date this letter.

It is hot as the devil, and we are stuffed into a hold without ample sleeping quarters. We have four men to a bed, and I took me a cot out and slept on deck last night, and it sure was nice. A nice breeze blew all night, and it was a beautiful night. It rained a little, and I just put a shelter half over me, and slept right on. It was too hot to sleep in the hold.

Remember that thing that I sent you from Camp Shelby? Well, you had a duplicate copy made and sent it to me. Remember? Well, get Lottie or Regina to help you with that about Uncle John. Understand?

We have no bathing or washing facilities on board this hush ship, and it will be a little rough without a bath for the next few days. Right?

Guess Lottie is in Miami now, and having a big time. Sure wish I was there with her. Are you going to Hot Springs. I still don't think you ought to sell the store. What will you do from now till the war is over? Just loaf? I don't think you ought to do that; keep it. Right?

It is so hot down here, that I think I will come to a close, and go up on deck. So be good, and write soon.

Love,

Handwritten signature

V-MAIL

Dec. 21, 1944

M.E.F.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

TO-DAY I RECEIVED 6 LETTERS
4 OF THEM FROM YOU, DATED NOV.
27, 28, 29, 30TH. YESTERDAY I
GOT ONE FROM YOU DATED NOV. 25TH.
SO, ALL WELL AND GOOD.

TODAY I WENT BACK TO THE
SUPPLY ROOM, 5 MILES, TO GET
A NEW PAIR OF SHOES. I GOT
THEM. I HAVE BEEN WEARING
THOSE SHOES SINCE I LEFT
THE STATES. SO YOU CAN SEE
I'M STILL EASY ON SHOES.
RIGHT?

YES, WE ARE STILL HAVING
A LITTLE TROUBLE ON THIS IS-
LAND, BUT NOT ANY MORE THAN
WE CAN HANDLE WITH EASE.
WE'LL HAVE THEM ALL CLEANED
UP HERE VERY SOON. WHEN AND
SEE. HAD A BIG AIR-RAID
LAST NIGHT, BUT ALL OF CHARLEY'S

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BOMBS LANDED IN THE OCEAN,
THANK GOODNESS. WE ARE ON A
BIG HILL OVERLOOKING THE
OCEAN, AND WE COULD SEE THE
BOMBS HIT.

SO YOU FINALLY PUT THE
NEW LIBRARY DOWN IN THE
KITCHEN. MAZAL TOV! IT'S ABOUT
TIME, AFTER 6 YEARS OF WAITING.
RIGHT?

I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM LORNE
IN OVER A MONTH¹¹¹. DAD, SO
I WILL PROBABLY GET A BUNCH
OF LETTERS AT ONE TIME SOON.
WHY DON'T YOU GET WHELE TOE
TO STAY WITH MOTHER A COUPLE
OF WEEKS AFTER XMAS, AND GO
TO NEW YORK? OR MAYBE CLEAVILLE
TO STAY WITH LORNE, RIGHT?
IT'S QUINN'S STORE ON 7TH
STREET STILL YOUR MAIN COMPENITOR?
HUNT? WHY DON'T YOU INVESTIGATE
THAT GUY'S INVENTION? IT MIGHT
BE SOMETHING IN IT FOR YOU,

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AND YOU WOULD GET IN ON THE
GROUND FLOOR! RIGHT? LOOK IN-
TO IT RIGHT AWAY!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
IN THESE RADIOS BY THE STARS
HERE. WE HAVE ENOUGH TO WIRE
OUT MANY MORE THAN THEY CAN
PUT UP AGAINST US. ANYWAY,

MY JOB KEEPS ME FAR FROM THE
REAR OF THE FIGHTING. I HAVE
A VERY RESPONSIBLE JOB, IF
YOU DIDN'T KNOW IT, RIGHT?

I SURE HIDE IT CAN
HEAR THE ALABAMA-DIRE GAME
NEW YEARS DAY. BUT FROM THE
WAY THINGS ARE LOOKING
NOW, I WON'T BE ABLE, SO AS
SOON AS THE PAPER COMES OUT
PLEASE SEND ME THE SPORTS
PAGE AIRMAIL. RIGHT?
WHAT KIND OF A BEAUTY CONTEST
IS BEVERLY IN, AND DID SHE WIN

IT THIS TIME? HUH?
BUYING AN ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANICA
NOW IS SILENTLY THEY ARE TOO HIGH.
WAIT TILL AFTER THE WAR AND

-4-
GET A NICE AND LARGER SET
MUCH CHEAPER, RIGHT?

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, SO BE
GOOD, AND WRITE SOON!
MOTHER, BE SURE AND TAKE
YOUR MINERAL OIL REGULARLY, FOR-
GET THAT SAL-THAPATICA, AND BRUSH
YOUR TEETH TWICE A DAY, RIGHT?
THOSE WORDS SOUND FAMILIAR, DON'T
THEY?

LOVE,

Shirley

P.S. YOU KNOW, THIS MORNING I WAS
LAYING DOWN, AND STARTED TO
THINK OF DR. LANG, AND YOUR LETTER
CAME - RIGHT THEN MENTIONING
HIS NAME. WHAT A COINCIDENCE!

ADG.

Sgt. H.L. BANK 20416637
Co. M, 167th INF. A.P. 31,
40 P.M., S.F., CALIF.



MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK

10/18/44

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ARMY EXAMINER

3018-5TH ST.

US CAL OOSA, ALA.

U.S.A.

NET. EA. INDIES
22 SEPT 44

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, & LOTTIE;

WELL, AT LONG LAST, YESTERDAY WE
GOT SOME MAIL. I GOT 2 FROM YOU,
AND 1 FROM DADDY IN CHICAGO.
SURE FELT GOOD TO GET MAIL.

HEARD F.D.R. & CHURCHILL WERE
IN CANADA & GOING TO MAKE AN IMPORT-
ANT ANNOUNCEMENT SOON. CAN'T WAIT
TO HEAR IT. WE HAVEN'T HEARD ANY NEWS
IN WEEKS.

WELL, WE HAVE MOVED INLAND,
AND ARE NOW SETTING UP CAMP. IT'S
A REAL JOB, & A LOT OF WORK. WE HAVE
ONLY A LITTLE RESISTANCE NOW.

WE HAVE AIR ATTACKS NEARLY
 EVERY NIGHT, BUT THEY DON'T DO
 MUCH DAMAGE. WE SHOOT DOWN NEARLY
 EVERY ONE. THE ACK-ACK GOING
 UP LOOKS LIKE A 4TH OF JULY
 FIREWORKS, & IS BEAUTIFUL. WE ARE
 WELL DUG IN THE GROUND, WITH
 BIG LOGS & MUD ON TOP. A BOMB COULD
 DROP ON TOP OF US, & IT WOULDN'T
 HURT. BOY, I DON'T MIND DIGGING
 IN 6 FT DOWN AT ALL!

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON.

LOVE,

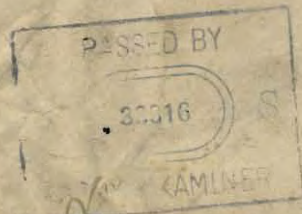
Harold

Sgt. H.L. BANK, 20416637
Co. M, 167 TH INF, APO. 31
c/o P.M., S.F., CALIF.



AIR MAIL

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.



N.E.F.
24 DEC 44

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

WELL, IT IS RAINING AS USUAL TO-DAY, AND THIS IS THE LAST SHOPPING DAY BEFORE XMAS. I GUESS YOU'RE BUSY AS THE DEVIL TO-DAY! RIGHT? HOW WELL DO I REMEMBER XMAS EVES OF YEARS GONE BY WHEN WE WOULD WORK ALL DAY TILL 11 P.M., THEN ALL WOULD COME HOME, NOT WAITING UNTIL XMAS DAY, BUT WE WOULD GIVE EACH OTHER THEIR PRESENTS THEN. THEN WE WOULD SIT AROUND AND SHOOT BULL, BUT NOT FOR LONG, BECAUSE WE WERE TOO TIRED FROM THE DAY'S WORK. IN 1940 I WAS IN JACKSONVILLE, FLA., AT ~~THE~~ SAME PLACE 1941, AT HOME IN 1942, AND IN N.Y. IN 1943. RIGHT? AND LOOK WHERE I AM IN 1944! I SURELY HOPE I'LL BE HOME FOR XMAS 1945, AND HONESTLY BELIEVE I WILL! LET'S HOPE ANYWAY! RIGHT?

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YESTER DAY I RECEIVED THE 3 MONEY ORDERS, AND THANKS A MILLION! I WILL ASSURE YOU THAT IT WILL BE USED AS FURLOUGH MONEY ONLY, AND NOT FOR POKER, AS YOU SURMISED. WHEN I PLAY POKER, AND I VERY SELDOM DO, I TAKE ONLY A FEW GUINEAS, AND I LOSE THAT, I QUIT. I WILL FURTHER ASSURE YOU THAT MY WINNINGS FAR SURPASS MY LOSINGS. AS YOU KNOW I ONLY DRAW \$13.30 A MONTH. I SPOKE TO THE CAPTAIN ABOUT THE FURLOUGH, AND MAYBE I'LL GET TO GO NEXT, THEN MAYBE IT WILL BE 6 MONTHS OR A YEAR BEFORE. ONLY I CAN GO AT A TIME, SO YOU CAN READILY UNDERSTAND MY POSITION. I WANT THE MONEY WITH ME SO I

I AM OFFERED THE FURLOUGH
 I WON'T HAVE TO TURN IT DOWN
 BECAUSE OF FUNDS, RIGHT?
 WE GET ONLY 15 DAYS IN
 AUSTRALIA, BUT THE TRIP TAKES
 ABOUT 45 DAYS, AS WE HAVE A
 LONG WAY TO TRAVEL, BY BOAT
 AND PLANE. AS FOR COMING
 HOME, THAT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.
 THE CIVILIAN AIR-LINES DON'T
 RUN OVER HERE NOW, AND YOU
 KNOW THAT. BUT I SURE WOULD
 LIKE TO COME HOME.

TO-DAY I RECEIVED A CARD
 AND NOTE FROM BENA ROSEN-
 FELD, AND 2 PACKAGES FROM
 YOU. IT WAS THE SARDINES
 FROM CHICAGO, AND A CAN OF
 CHERRIES, APRICOTS, PEACHES, AND
 RAISINS. IT SURE IS GOOD. WRITE
 AUNT ANNA IN CHICAGO TO

SEND ME ANOTHER
 SARDINES.



I ALSO GOT A BOX FROM
 THE RED CROSS WHICH INCLUDED
 A BOOK, CANDY, PICTURE CONTAINER,
 ADDRESS BOOK, TO-BACCO POUCH,
 AND POST-CARDS, IT WAS NICE.
 I PROCURED ME A NEW
 PIPE LAST WEEK FOR A COUPLE
 OF BRACE LETS.

DID YOU EVER SEND THE
 MONEY FOR MY CAMERA? YOU
 NEVER MENTIONED IT!

I'LL WRITE BENA TO-DAY.
 SHE SAID SHE SENT ME
 A BOX BUT I HAVEN'T GOTTEN
 IT YET. GUESS I WILL SOON!

BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

LOVE,
 Harold

P.S. I'M DEPOSITING THE MONEY IN
 SOLDIER'S DEPOSITS, LIKE A BANK,
 WHICH PAYS 4%, AND CAN ONLY
 BE DRAWN OUT IN AN EMERGENCY
 OR FOR FURLOUGH!

-OVER-

HB

P.S.S. I JUST HAD XMAS DINNER,
 TO-DAY INSTEAD OF TO-MORROW,
 AND IT WAS THE BEST MEAL
 I HAVE SINCE WE LEFT THE
 STATES. WE HAD TURKEY,
 DRESSING, GRAVY, PEAS, SWEET
 POTATOES, OLIVES, PEACHES, LAYER
 CAKE, ICE-TEA WITH ICE, AND
 BREAD + BUTTER! BOY, IT WAS
 GOOD!

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FROM

Sgt. Harold L. Bank



Co M 167th Inf APO 31

U. S. ARMY

CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

28 Jan 44

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I received your letter today at lunch and sure was glad to hear from you once again, especially the good news about your losing your wonderful teeth. I know that you will feel a lot better without them, and especially as your stomach gets a rest from raw food. Right?

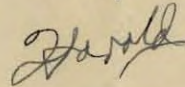
Can't get over Ed marrying that girl. Has she got any money?

Before you put the new battery in the car, besure and have the mechanic find the short in it. I know that it is one in it, because I put about 25,000 miles on it with the first battery that came in it. So besure and have him find the short, or it will burn out another battery in no time at all. Right?

I will check up on the bonds right away. You should have a \$25.00 bond for Oct, Nov, Dec. now. Right?

That is all for now, so write soon.

Love,



~~THE WHILARD HOTEL~~

~~WASHINGTON, D.C.~~

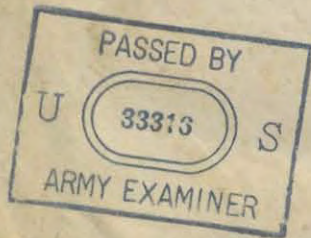
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Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th St.

San Francisco, California.





THE WILLARD HOTEL.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dearest mother & daddy: ^{Saturday 3:50 PM.}

Well, just another day just
gone by, with nothing to do but
sleep and play bridge. Took
3 shots yesterday, and my arm was
really sore. I had a fever
from them last night, and felt
like I was going to die. I lined
and you ought to see me now.
I feel alright now.

might go to a show tonight, if
I can get off. I didn't get the box
yet, but probably will soon. Write
soon!

Love,
Harold



THE WILLARD HOTEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sat.

Dear Gladys:

I didn't get the Tuesday-
noon news yet. Maybe you ought
to call them.

You shouldn't be disappointed
in the store. You are doing more
than your store in the most
effort, so buck up, and
look to the better things of
life when we will all be
home together again to eat and
sit in the living room smoking
the hall! Right?

Love,
Harold

Lgt. Harold L. Bank, 20816637
Co. M, 167th Inf. A.P.O. 31-B,
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Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
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Wm. B. Pepper
2nd Lt.



THE WILLARD HOTEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Monday -
Dearest mother & daddy:

I didn't get the money,
but expect I'll get it in
the next day or two. I've
have been needing it though.
Have been broke since I got
here.

It has been raining a
lot, and turned cold yesterday.
Played bridge all day yesterday
and went to a show last
night. I saw Ginger Rogers
in "Sunderbush" and it's
not so hot; just a propaganda
show.



THE WILLARD HOTEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Have been getting a lot of
rest since coming here; it
really agrees with me.

I'll try and call on the
next day or two.

Be good and write soon!

Love,
Harold

FROM

Sgt. Harold L. Banks
G.M., 167th Inf.

U. S. ARMY

CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA



Mr. Sam Banks
Army Store,
Tuscoloma, Alabama.

SERVICE CLUB

CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA

Thursday -

Daddy,

Did you get a little
book of War Savings Stamps
about \$12.50, that I sent
you a month or more
ago? You never mentioned
it! Please let me
know!

Love,
Harold

Lt. Harold L. Bank
Co. M, 165th Inf
Camp Pickett, Va.



Mr. Sam Bank
Army Store,

Fredericksburg, Va.

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by
Post Office
at
Fredericksburg
Va.

SERVICE CLUB
CAMP PICKETT, VIRGINIA

Monday -

Dear Daddy:

Please get me Aunt Minnie
Hoffman's address and send
it to me immediately. I
may be able to look her up
in the next few weeks. Don't
know, I just might! Please
send it in an airmail letter.

Love a lot!

Love,
Harold

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ARMY EXAMINER

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

N.E.I.

23 OCT 44

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, LOTTIE:

WELL, TO-DAY THE SUPPLY BOAT
CAME IN, WITH A LOT OF MAIL AND PAPERS
AND PACKAGES. ALL I GOT WAS 2 ~~PAP~~
LETTERS & 12 PAPERS.

I LOAFED ALL DAY AND READ
A LOT THIS AFTERNOON.

WE MOVED OUR KITCHEN INTO THE
NEW KITCHEN TO-DAY. IT'S NEARLY ALL
COMPLETED, EXCEPT PART OF THE TOP.
WE NATIVES EVEN BUILT US TABLES
AND SEATS. THEY CAN DO WONDERS
WITH JUST A LONG KNIFE! YOU OUGHT TO
SEE MY TENT, 3 CHAIRS, 2 DESKS,
AND MY OWN HOME-MADE ELECTRIC
LIGHTS! IT'S A BEAUT!

DON'T FORGET TO ENCLOSE SOME
AIRMAIL ENVELOPPES, ~~THE~~ VERY THIN ONES,
IN EVERY LETTER YOU WRITE! RIGHT?
HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS EXTRA?
BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

LOVE,

Harold

FORM 539A

AMERICAN RED CROSS

N.E.I.

29 OCT 44

7:55 P.M.

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, LOTTIE:

WELL, I GOT 4 LETTERS TO-DAY, BUT
NONE FROM YOU. GOT ONE FROM EVE HOFF-
MAN IN CALIF. DADDY, I'LL BET YOU DIDN'T
KNOW AUNT MINNIE WAS 60 YRS. OLD
SEPT. 15/44, DID YOU?

I SPENT THE DAY MAKING BRACE-
LETS AND NECKLACES OUT OF THE
BEAUTIFUL SHELLS WE FIND HERE.
I'M NOT SO HOT AT IT, BUT WILL
SEND YOU SOME SOON!

DADDY, PLEASE GET ME A COUPLE
OF DOZEN OF SMALL CHAINS, WITH
A CATCH ON IT. BE SURE THE LINKS
IN IT ARE NO LARGER THAN THIS
"OOOO". I DON'T CARE IF IT IS ONE
REAL LONG CHAIN, AS I HAVE TO TAKE
IT APART. IF YOU CAN'T FIND ANY, GO
TO KRESS AND GET SOME 10¢ NECK-
LACES, & USE THEM. WRAP THEM
UP & PUT THEM IN SOME DIFFERENT
ENVELOPPES, AND SEND IT AIR-MAIL.

FORM 539A



AMERICAN RED CROSS

IT WILL GET HERE QUICKER. DON'T SEND IT IN A BOX. PLEASE GET THIS AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE THIS, WILL YOU? LOTTIE, YOU TAKE CARE OF THIS.

NOW, LOTTIE, AS SOON AS YOU GET THIS LETTER, GET \$10.00 FROM DADDY AND BUY ME A XMAS PRESENT AND SEND IT TO: MISS MARTELL BALICER, 1251 WINDSOR DRIVE, DAYTON, OHIO. DADDY PUT IT ON THE CUFF, AND I'LL GIVE IT BACK SOMEDAY. YOU HAVE ALL MY BONDS AS SECURITY! RIGHT? LOTTIE, BE SURE AND MAIL IT BY DEC. 1. BUY HER SOMETHING NICE, AS SHE IS NO. 1 ON MY LIST NOW. SHE JUST SENT ME A BOX OF SOMETHING, SHE WROTE TO-DAY! SO TAKE CARE OF IT RIGHT AWAY, BEFORE THE XMAS, HEAR?

FOLKS, SORRY I'M IN NO PLACE OR SITUATION TO SEND YOU XMAS PRESENTS, BUT THERE IS NO PLACE



AMERICAN RED CROSS

HERE I EVEN BUY A BOND! SO IT WILL HAVE TO WAIT, AND I'LL MAKE UP FOR IT WHEN I GET BACK, WHICH I SINCERELY HOPE WON'T BE TOO FAR IN THE FUTURE! RIGHT?
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

Love,

Harold

P.S. BOY, THEY SURE ARE MOVING FORWARD IN THE PHILIPPINES, AREN'T THEY?

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Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20416637
Co M 167th Inf., APO 31,
% PM, San Francisco, Calif.



Mr. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S. A.



Handwritten signature or initials.

25 May 44

Dearest Daddy:

Use this envelope and write your own letter and send me anything in the food line or anything else yo u want. Understand? Just write yourself a letter, sign my name, put it in this envelope, and take it to the postoffice. They won't know the difference. Let Lottie do the same if she wants to. Keep this envelope and use anytime you want to. Right?

Love,

Harold

CO. M, 167 TH INF, APO. 3
C/O P. M., S. F., CALIF.



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3018 5TH ST.
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ARMY EXAMINER

22 MAR 45
N.E.I.

DEAR BERT:

THE LAST LETTER I RECEIVED FROM YOU WAS FROM THE SHIP GOING ACROSS IN OCTOBER 1941. SO I WILL AT THIS TIME ENDEAVOR TO ANSWER IT.

WELL, WHEN I LEFT YOU I WENT UP TO BALO, WHERE I WAS STAYING, AND SHAVED, BATHED, AND ATE. THEN I WENT TO A TRANSIT CAMP WHERE I STAYED 2 DAYS, AWAITING MY AIR TRAVEL ORDERS. I FLEW TO THE NEXT ISLAND, STAYED THERE 1 NIGHT, AND UNABLE TO GET A RIDE HERE, BECAUSE OF WEATHER I TOOK A RIDE TO P.T. WE DROVE DOWN HALF WAY THERE, AND HAD TO SPEND A NIGHT WITH THE NAVY. I SPENT TWO DAYS IN THE P.T., AND SAW LT. COL. BOB DAVIS AND CALLED COL. WILSON. YOU OUGHT TO WRITE BOB, AS LOUIE HAS THE ADDRESSES. BOB WAS SORRY HE MISSED YOU, AND GOT ME ON THE FIRST PLANE HERE. I WAS GONE 15 DAYS AND FLEW 5,000 MILES ON 2 B-25'S AND 5 C-47'S. WE LEFT THE PERIMETER AND ARE NOW FINISHING UP TWO WEEKS TRAINING. I HAD TO TELL OF MY TRIP SO MANY TIMES, I TYPED THE STORY ON 5 PAGES, AND LET EVERYONE READ IT. I SAW DOOLEY AND PETE ROSS, BITTNER, FROM UOP A, AND W.S. GREGORY, AND TOLD THEM ALL ABOUT IT. BOY, I AM THE MOST

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POPULAR AND TALKED ABOUT MAN IN THE
OUT FIT. ALSO HAD A BIG BULL SESSION WITH
DISNEY. SAW ONE OF THE HARDIN BOYS TO-DAY,
THE FIRST SERGEANT. WENT TO SEE SQUARE
ADAMS, BUT HE HAS BEEN EVACUATED WITH
JUNGLE ROT. HE IS DOWN TO ABOUT 260 LBS.
NOW.

BERT, DON'T FORGET TO SEND ME A GOOD,
PREPARELY A RANSON WHIRLWIND, AS
SOON AS YOU CAN. RIGHT?
WENT OUT ON AN OVER-NIGHT BIVOUAC
LAST NIGHT, WITH A PROBLEM. IT RAINED ALL
NIGHT, JUST AS IT HAS THE PAST MONTH, AND
WE WALKED IN MUD AND CROSSED A RIVER
THAT WAS UP TO OUR WAIST, SWIFT, AND COLD
AS ICE. THEN WE WALKED THE 18 MILES
BACK TO CAMP, 9 A.M. TILL 2:40 P.M. BOY,
THAT WAS ROUGH AND HOT.

BING CROSBY IS PROGNOSING A WAY
NOW. HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BE
IN NORTHINGTON? IT'S A BEAUTIFUL PLACE,
ISN'T IT? MARGARET ELLA FINNEL WAS WORKING
OUT THERE WHEN I WAS HOME IN DEC/43. DO
YOU GET TO GO HOME EVERYDAY AND NIGHT?
LET ME KNOW IF THE AMOUNT OF DADDY'S
CASH WAS RIGHT! REMEMBER I TOLD YOU
ABOUT YOUR ALLOTMENT OF \$125.00? WAS
I RIGHT ABOUT IT?

REMEMBER I TOLD YOU THEY WOULD
TAKE YOU TO WASHINGTON TO G-2 YOU?
WELL, THEY DID, LOTTIE SAYS. DID YOU FLY
THERE IN A P-51? WASN'T THE DOCTOR,

A MAJOR, THE ONE IN ³ YOUR CABIN THAT HAD
HIS BROTHER COME UP TO SEE HIM
NAMED HUBBARD, I READ OF YOUR RELEASE
IN FEB 12 TIME, AND IT MENTIONED HIM
AND KATZ, THAT YOU TOLD ME ABOUT.

A WAR DEPT. NEWS CORRESPONDENT
CAME BY TO INTERVIEW ME LAST WEEK,
AND I GRANTED HIM 30 MINUTES OF
MY TIME.

I HOPE YOU HAVE STARTED WORKING ON
YOUR BOOK, AND DON'T PUT IT OFF. DID YOU
SEE VES AND JENNY IN WASHINGTON?
THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, SO BE GOOD &
WRITE SOON!

Chick

P.S. MAZALTOV ON YOUR PROMOTION, AND HOPE
YOU GET ANOTHER SOON!

H.B.

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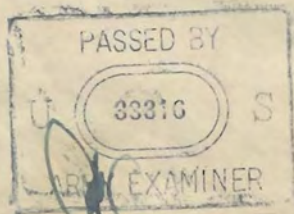
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29 APR 45
Y.I.

DEAR BERT:

WELL, EXACTLY 2 MONTHS AND
1 DAY AFTER I LEFT THESE
ISLANDS, I RETURNED, JUST
LIKE MACARTHUR AND I SAID
WE WOULD.

I RECEIVED MY FIRST MAIL
SINCE ARRIVING TO-DAY, AND IT
WAS A LETTER FROM YOU DATED
APR 16TH.

I STAYED ON THE SHIP A WEEK
WITH A DETAIL TO UNLOAD IT.
IT WAS A ROUGH AND HOT
JOB FOR THE MEN THAT DID
THE WORK, BUT I WAS IN CHARGE
AND ONLY SUPERVISED.

I WENT TO A SHOW TONIGHT,
BUT HAD ALREADY SEEN IT. IT
SHOWED OUR LANDING AT OUR LAST
ISLAND STATION AND I SAW

3-
I RUN ACROSS THAT "PLEAS-
SURE RESORT" THAT YOU SPENT
YOUR TWO "HAPPY" YEARS. SO
IF THERE'S ANY SPECIAL
SIGNS YOU WANT ME TO SEE,
LET ME KNOW. I CAN

I PRESUME YOU HAVE
READ THE NEWS AROUND
THIS DATE. I AGREE WITH
REESE IN THAT YOU SHOULD
TAKE A DISCHARGE AND
RUN FOR AN OFFICE. NOW
IS THE TIME TO START

A LAW PRACTICE, NOT AFTER
THE WAR WHEN IT WILL
BE A BOUTH GRING!
AND ABOUT THE HOUSE,
DON'T BUY A TWO-STORY

2-2-
THAT IN HOLLANDIA WHEN I
WENT TO SEE YOU.
SURE GLAD YOU FINISHED
YOUR BOOK, AND HOPE YOU PUT
EVERYTHING IN IT.

BOY, THIS IS A HOT
AND DUSTY COUNTRY. THE
FILIPINOS ARE VERY FRIENDLY
AND GIVE US A LOT OF
STUFF. WHAT PANE UP TO
OUR PRESENT AREA AND
WHAT MUST LOOK LIKE THE
BURMA THROUGH THE
MOUNTAINS.

THERE WERE MANY
FILIPINOS AT THE
SHOW TO NIGHT, AND YOU
SHOULD HAVE HEARD THEM
TALK AT EACH LITTLE SCENE.
BERT NOW THAT I AM
ON THE PT, MAYBE SOMEDAY

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HOUSE, BE CAUSE IT'S TOO
HARD ON MOTHER.

BERD, I KNOW YOU HAVE PLENTY
MONEY NOW, BUT, BUDDY, DON'T FOR-
GET HOW HARD YOU WORKED FOR
IT AND HOW LONG! DON'T FOR-
GET HOW EASY IT IS TO GET
RID OF IT, AND HOW HARD
TO GET MORE OF IT. DON'T SPEND
IT ALL NOW! WAIT TILL PEACE
AND INVEST IT RIGHT!

IN REGARD TO ALL THOSE
PEOPLE INQUIRING ABOUT THEIR
RELATIVES, I SUPPOSE YOU
TELL THEM ALL YOU KNOW THIR
SON, HE IS IN GOOD HEALTH,
AND WILL BE HOME SOON, JUST
LIKE THEY USED TO TELL US
ABOUT YOU! RIGHT?
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

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1 JUNE 25
P.F.

DEAR BERT:

YESTERDAY WE RECEIVED MAIL FOR ACHANGE
AND I GOT 3 FROM YOU, AND TWO FROM LOTTIE
AND 1 FROM HARRY BERMAN. SURE GLAD TO HEAR FROM
YOU ONCE AGAIN.

SINCE I LAST WROTE YOU THIS BN. HAS BEEN
THROUGH THE GRILL. DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY

WE FINALLY

THE BEACH

RIVER.

THE DAY WE MADE IT
HAD ONE CO. C.O. AND OUR BN. C.O. I BELIEVED.
WHEN OUR OLD BN. C.O. CAME BACK TO LEAD US
THRU, WE ALL SAID WE WOULD BE AT THE
RIVER THAT NIGHT! AND WE WERE! BOY, IT'S
WONDERFUL HOW AN OUTFIT CAN FIGHT WHEN
EVERY ONE HAS CONFIDENCE IN THE C.O.
RIGHT? BOY, HE RULES WITH AN IRON
HAND.

THERE WERE TIMES COMING UP THIS

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TRAIN THAT I THOUGHT YOU WOULD HAVE TO
CARRY ON THE "BANK" NAME ALONE. WE WERE
STOPPING ONCE FOR A BREAK WHEN ALL
HELL BROKE LOOSE, AND WE COULDN'T SEE
A THING. IT HAPPENED MANY TIMES; SNIPERS
TAKING SHOTS AT US. AND LET ME TELL
YOU NO GRASS GREW UNDER ME FROM
THE TIME THE FIRST SHOT FIRED AND
I HIT THE GROUND. SOMEHOW, ONCE I GOT
HIT OVER MY EYE WITH A HELMET, AND I

THOUGHT I WAS HIT FOR SURE, BUT I
MADE IT O.K., AND WE'RE NOW RESAING
AND SWIMMING IN THE RIVER. P-47'S
DROP US FOOD AND EQUIPMENT.

LAST NIGHT I HAD TO STAND GUARD
3AM - 6AM AND IT'S ROUGH, NOT KNOWING IF
THERE ARE JAPS OUT THERE OR NOT.

BOY, I'M SURE GLAD THERE WEREN'T.

SO WE KILLED OUT MANY JAPS
AND SOME MORE OF THE P.I. ARE FREE.

BERT, THE HARDEST PART OF THIS WAR
IS SEEING YOUR BUDDIES GO DOWN, AND KNOWING
THEY WON'T BE BACK TO CELEBRATE WITH
THE LUCKY ONES AFTER THE WAR IS OVER. THAT'S
WHAT'S TROUGH, BUT I GUESS IT'S ALL IN
A WAR! RIGHT?
I'VE ONLY GOT 78 POINTS UP TO MAY
12TH, WITH ANOTHER 5 POSSIBLE SOON, AND
TWO PER MONTH STILL COMING IN. SO
I MIGHT GET HOME FOR XMAS YET!

YES, HERB GINSBERG'S FOLKS WERE
VERY NICE TO ME WHEN I WAS IN SHELBY
AND I WANT YOU TO HAVE HIM OVER TO DINNER
SOME TIMES. HIS OLD MAN IS A BIG SHOT
IN NATTIS BERG. WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH
HIM?

HERE'S A CLIPPING FROM YANK MAGAZINE.
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!
WHAT DID YOU EVER FIND OUT ABOUT THAT
\$125.00 ALLOTMENT YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T HAVE?
Chick

Sgt. H.L. BANK 20416637
Co. M, 167TH INFY APO. 31,
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~~VIA~~ **AIR** ~~MAIL~~



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ARMY EXAMINER



AMERICAN RED CROSS

14 JUNE 45
P.F.

DEAR BERT:

TODAY I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF MAY 28TH
FROM N.Y., AND SURE AM GLAD YOU HAD SUCH A
NICE TIME. BE SURE AND TELL ME WHO, WHAT,
AND WHICH BANDS YOU HEARD.

I WAS IN N.Y. 3 TIMES WHEN I WAS
STATIONED IN CAMP PICKETT, VA. ONCE I STAYED
AT THE LINCOLN, AND TWICE WITH NAT AT HIS HOME
IN NEWARK, N.J. I TOOK HIM HOME WITH ME ONE
WEEK-END.

WE'RE STILL OUT IN THE JUNGLE, AND
HAVE STARTED BACK INTO ACTION A LITTLE.

FIVE BOYS HAVE ALREADY LEFT, AND ONE
JUST GOT HIS ORDERS TO LEAVE, A COUPLE OF MON-
THS. HIS CASE IS HE HAS TO GO HOME TO GET
MARRIED. HE ONLY HAS 72 POINTS, HOWEVER.

A FLOCK OF WILD MONKEYS JUST CAME
BY, SO I LET GEORGE, MY MONKEY, LOOSE TO GO
PLAY WITH THEM. HE'LL BE BACK SHORTLY, AND
I'LL TRY TO GET HIM TO DROP YOU A FEW LINES
IN MONKEYNESE. O.K.?

AS MILTON, MINTY'S BROTHER, THE DOCTOR?
I DON'T SEEM TO REMEMBER HIM.
I KNOW BETTY LEVA FROM SELMA. WHAT'S



AMERICAN RED CROSS

SHE DOING THESE DAYS? WHERE IS HER BROTHER,
MARK, NOW?
THEY DROP US CLOTHES AND FOOD AND
AMMUNITION FROM THE PLANE'S STILL, AND THEY
FLY OVERHEAD ALL THE TIME. I JUST THREW
AWAY ONE OF THE PAIR OF FATIGUE PANTS
I BROUGHT OVER-SEAS WITH ME! SOME SERVICE,
HUH? I ALWAYS GET PLENTY CLOTHES BECAUSE
NO ONE CAN WEAR MY SIZE. YESTERDAY WE
GOT A LOT OF UNDERWEAR AND PANTS, SIZES
30 AND 40 ONLY. SO I GOT TWO PAIR.
YESTERDAY, WITH THE HELP OF OUR
TWO FILIPINOS WE HAVE WITH US, WE BUILT A
GRASS HUT FOR A C.P. LAST NIGHT IT
RAINED HARD AND LONG, AND THAT HUT DIDN'T
LEAK A DROP. IT'S WONDERFUL!
GOT A LONG LETTER FROM COUSIN PAE
AND ONE FROM MANUEL.
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!
Chick
P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD & COCO-COLA!
Chick

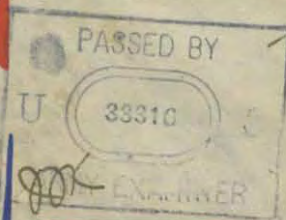
Sgt. H. BANK, 2046637
Co. M, 167TH INF., A.P.O. 31,
9/0 P.M., S.F., CALIF.



~~VIA AIR MAIL~~

MAJOR BERT BANK
3018-5TH ST.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.





AMERICAN RED CROSS

16 JUNE 45
P.I.

DEAR BERT:

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER TO-DAY FROM N.Y. DATED
MAY 31ST. I ALSO GOT 3 FROM LORIE AND ONE
FROM DADDY.

TO-DAY I DID NOTHING BUT READ NEARLY ALL
DAY. I READ A FEB. 26TH TIME AND A NEW YORKER
COMPLETELY THROUGH. LATE THIS AFTERNOON I WALKED
A MILE UP A HILL TO SEE IF MY DUFFEL
CAME IN. THEY DROPPED A LOT OF THEM TO-
DAY, BUT MINE WAS NOT AMONG THEM. MAYBE
IT WILL COME IN TO-MORROW. WE SHOULD BE
GETTING A FEW PACKAGES IN SOON. WE HAVEN'T
HAD ANY SINCE WE GOT TO THE PHILIPPINES.
BOY, I MUST HAVE A LOT ON THE WAY.

IS SARA HARRIS' HUSBAND IN THE ARMY? I
DIDN'T EVEN KNOW SHE WAS MARRIED. I WAS
GOING TO CALL HER, BUT DIDN'T KNOW HER
ADDRESS WHEN I WAS IN NEW YORK.

AUNT ANNIE HAS A NICE STORE, HASN'T SHE.
I'LL BET THEY ARE DOING A NICE BUSINESS NOW.
WHEN I WAS THERE I STAYED WITH MARY AND
SAM WAS RUNNING THE STORE WHILE MARY WORKED



AMERICAN RED CROSS

IN A DEFENSE PLANT. DOES HE STILL WORK THERE? I WAS THERE DURING THE HOLIDAYS, WENT TO TEMPLE WITH AUNT ANNIE, AND BOY SHE BAKED SOME OF THE BEST BREAD AND SWEET ROLLS I EVER TASTED. SHE CAN REALLY COOK.

WHERE IN THE DEVIL DID YOU EVER FIND SO MANY BLIND DATES? WHO GOT THEM FOR YOU? I DON'T LIKE THEM BECAUSE I ALWAYS GET STUCK. RIGHT? DID YOU SEE THE STAN "OKLAHOMA" IN N.Y.? IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE "YOPS"!

I AGREE WITH YOU ON THESE NEW YORK GIRLS. THEY THINK THEY KNOW EVERYTHING, AND THINK PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH ARE SO CRUDE. WE HAVE HORNS ON OUR HEAD! RIGHT? I GUESS MOLLIE MERCER WAS THE NICEST YANKEE GIRL I EVER SAW!

I HAVE MORE TIME NOW, AND HAVE BEEN WRITING HOME EVERYDAY. BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

Chick

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD! HARRY LIPSON IS IN TEXAS AT A 8-WEEK SCHOOL, LINK TRAINER! IS SARA HARRIS' FROM SWITZERLAND? H.

~~ATTN~~
Sgt. H. L. BANK, 2046637
Co. M, 167th Inf, APO 31,
c/o P.M., S.F., CALIF.



VIA AIR MAIL

MAJ. BERT BANK
3018-5TH ST.

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19 JUNE 45
MINDANAO, P.F.

DEAR BERT:

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER TO-DAY WRITTEN JUNE 24,
THE DAY YOU RETURNED FROM N.Y. YOU DIDN'T MENTION
A SINGLE BAND NOR NIGHT CLUB YOU SAW. WAS ARLINE
JUDGE IN YOUR PARTY THAT NIGHT?

TODAY IS JUST ANOTHER CLOUDY DAY OF READING.
I STARTED TO GO TO A SHOW LAST NIGHT, BUT WE HAD
ONE OF THOSE BLOWING, HARD RAIN.

I LIKE THE IDEA OF DADDY MANUFACTURING
HARNESS, BUT CAN HE GET ENOUGH MACHINERY AND
LEATHER NOW. MAYBE HE CAN GET A GOVERNMENT

CONTRACT AND GET PRIORITIES! RIGHT? IF HE DOES,
IS HE GOING TO SELL THE STORE? ITS A MIGHTY
GOOD BUSINESS TO BE SELLING!

ISN'T TOM TODD IN THE ARMY? BERT, IF
THIS TODD-COLEMAN-BRANSCOMB RADIO DEAL GOES

THROUGH, WILL YOU GET A PART INTEREST IN IT?
OR WILL YOU JUST WORK FOR THEM FOR NOT MUCH?
YOU COULD TO OWN PART OF IT! WHERE DOES BRUCE
SHELTON COME IN? IS HE IN IN THE DEAL TOO?

HE IS A GOOD MAN TO HAVE AROUND!
IS THE MAN DADDY PLANS ON MAKING HIS
HARNESS MC LENDON FROM ATHENS? I KNOW HIM.

ANOTHER THING, WHY DOES DADDY WANT CHESTER IN
ON THE DEAL. BOY, I SURE HATE TO SEE DADDY
SELL THE STORE! I WANTED TO OPEN A PAWN



AMERICAN RED CROSS

SHOP AND HARDWARE STORE NEXT DOOR!
I WAS JUST LIEING HERE LOOKING AT
THE MONKEY OUT IN THE TREE PLAYING AROUND.
HE SURE IS CUTE!
DID DADDY BUY ANOTHER POLICY BESIDES
THE ONE YOU GAVE HIM FROM MANUEL?
I HAVE TWO BAND LOVERS IN MY HOUSE
AND EVERYNIGHT WE TALK BANDS AND MUSIC, I'M
TAKING NEARLY EVERYONE. WE REALLY HAVE SOME
GOOD JAZZ SESSIONS, ESPECIALLY AFTER I STOP
READING AT 10 P.M.
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!
Chink

P.S. PLEASE READ IN READER'S DIGEST MAY/65
THE ARTICLE: "THE VETERAN BETRAYED."
IF THIS IS TRUE, IT'S HORRIBLE.
H.

P.S.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD!
H.

Sgt. ALBANK, 2041 6637
Co. M, 165 INF, APO 31,
APOF, S.F., CALIF.



MAY. BENT BANK
308-5TH ST.
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
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14 July 45
P.T.

DEAR BERT:

WELL, I HAVE SOME NEWS TO-DAY
I WANT TO DISCUSS WITH YOU. IT'S ABOUT
TEMPORARY DUTY IN THE STATES. I AM
NOW ELIGIBLE FOR IT, I CAN PUT
MY APPLICATION ON TAKE 17TH OF
EACH MONTH. IF I TAKE THE 45
DAY FURLOUGH PLUS ALL TRAVEL
TIME, WHICH AMOUNTS TO ABOUT
4 MONTHS AWAY FROM HERE, I
HAVE TO SIGN UP FOR 12 MONTHS
MORE SERVICE OVER HERE STARTING
WHEN I RETURN. THAT'S WHAT
I DON'T LIKE ABOUT THE WHOLE
THING. IF I COULD FIND ANY
WAY TO STAY IN THE STATES
AFTERWARD I WOULD DO SO.
SO PLEASE INVESTIGATE AND FIND
OUT WHAT YOU CAN, AND LET
ME KNOW WHAT TO DO REGARD
AWAY.

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TO-DAY IS SATURDAY, SOTO-
MORROW, AS IN ALL GARRISON,
WE ARE OFF. MONDAY WE START
MEETING ALL FORMATIONS BY A
BUGLE CALL. WE WILL, HOWEVER,
WORK ON OUR NEW AREA UNTIL
IT IS FINISHED. PRACTICALLY ALL
OF OUR PROGRAM WILL BE SPARS.
WE NOW HAVE BUILT 1 HARBOR
DIAMOND, 3 SOFT BALL COURSES, 1
AND 8 VOLLEY BALL AT
HAVEN'T PLAYED ANY BALL AT
ALL SINCE I LEFT HOME,
BUT AM REALLY GOING TO
WORK HARD AND GET IN
CONDITION FOR SOFT BALL, AND
TRY TO MAKE OUR BV. TEAM.
I ONLY HOPE I CAN STILL
HIT THAT SOFT BALL.
THAT'S ABOUT ALL FOR
NOW, EXCEPT GEORGE TORE MY
HOUSE DOWN TO-DAY, THE LITTLE

MAZIE.

BERT, IF YOU KNOW OF
ANYWAY I CAN STAY IN THE
STATES, WITH A LARGE PULL,
PLEASE, ADVISE ME.
BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME
FOOD!

Handed

Chick

21 Aug 45

P.T.
MINDANAO

DEAR BERT:

I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM YOU IN QUITE
A FEW DAYS, SO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU
HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED OR NOT. I READ
AN ARTICLE IN THE JULY READER'S DIGEST,
"THEY SEE WITHOUT EYES", AND AM GUESSING THAT
YOU ARE THERE. LONNIE DIDN'T TELL ME YOU HAVE
BEEN TRANSFERRED YET. SO LET ME KNOW IF
YOU GET THIS.

BOY, IT RAINED LAST NIGHT, BUT HARD.
I THOUGHT IT WAS A RIVER RUNNING THROUGH
MY TENT.

WE WERE SUPPOSED TO LEAVE YESTERDAY ON
A 7 DAY MOTOR MOVE, BUT THE RAIN WASHED
THE BRIDGES OUT. SO MAYBE WE WILL BE ABLE
TO LEAVE TOMORROW. WE HAVE BUILT UP A

STOCKPILE HERE, AND ARE GOING TO BUILD ANOTHER
WHERE WE ARE GOING. I WISH THEY WOULD

PUT ME IN CHARGE OF THEM. REMEMBER
WHAT ^{THAT} OLD CAPTAIN, MAC, ON THE SHIP WITH YOU
AT HOLLAND, TOLD ME? HE SAID "I'D SAVE
THE GOVERNMENT MONEY." RIGHT?

I PLAYED TWO SOFT BALL GAMES YESTERDAY.
WE WON 9-5, AND THEN BEAT THE COMPANY'S
FIRST TEAM 13-2. I PLAYED 2ND BASE, NO ERRORS,
HIT 1 FOR 3 AND 1 FOR 4, AND SCORED 2 RUNS.
THEY PLAYED THIS MORNING, BUT IT WAS TOO
MUDDY, SO I DIDN'T GO OUT. I FINISHED
READING A MAGAZINE.

MRS. MOSE TEMERSON SENT ME A SUB-
SCRIPTION TO READER'S DIGEST. WASN'T THAT
NICE OF HER?

MAE ARTHUR ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THAT
THE ARMISTICE WOULD BE SIGNED ~~INTO~~
IN 10 DAYS. OCCUPATION WOULD THEN START.
IT SEEMS TO ME HE IS JUST WASTING
TIME. DON'T YOU THINK SO?

THERE ARE ONLY 2 BOYS IN THE COM-
PANY WITH MORE POINTS THAN I HAVE, 79 AND
84. SO ACCORDING TO AGE, I'LL BE THE 3RD
TO GET OUT IN "M" COMPANY. AS ALL OUTFITS
MUST BE LIKE THIS, IT LOOKS LIKE THE CRITICAL
SCORE WILL HAVE TO BE LOWERED. I OUGHT
TO BE OUT OF HERE IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS.
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

P.S. CAN YOU GET ANY 120 FILM? ^{think}

P.S. I HAD ALREADY MAILED THIS, BUT NOT
ONLY DID I RECEIVE YOUR LETTER DATED

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AUGUST 9TH, THE DAY WE HEARD OF JAPAN'S
DESIRE TO SURRENDER, BUT THE BEST NEWS
IS I WAS PLACED ON DS WITH DIV.
MP COMPANY WITH DY WITH CARGO CON-
TROL OFFICER, AND ATTACHED TO AN
AAA(AW)BN FOR RATIONS AND QUARTERS. NAT
REINFELD FIXED IT UP FOR ME, I KNOW,
AND I'LL BE WITH HIM. HE'S THE BEST
FRIEND I EVER HAD. IT'S REALLY A
BREAK, AND I WON'T HAVE TO TAKE THAT
7 DAY TRUCK TRIP WITH THE COMPANY.
THE ORDER WAS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 6TH,
BUT IT JUST ARRIVED. I GUESS IT'S CLERICAL
WORK. I'LL LET YOU KNOW THE DETAILS
LATER.

Chick

NOV 11 1945
SGT. H.L. BANK, WRE...
CO. M, 167 INF, APO 31,
40 P.M., S.F., CALIF.



AIRMAIL

MAT. BEAT BANK
VALLEY Forge GEN. HOSP.
P HONNIXVILLE, PENNA.
U.S.A.

Tricolored Alabama 10/27/45/2

23 August 1945

Dear Bert:

Well, here I sit at my new job, doing nothing. I am a clerk with 2 other boys in the Cargo control office. As there are not many boats coming in these days, there is not much to do. I just did a little, very little, typing today, and that is all. I just sit around and write letters or read or shoot the bull all day long. S/Sgt Garvis Barnett, who used to work with Katz in Tuscaloosa, is hanging around here today. He is Col. Hardenburg's boy, and does a lot of nothing. He is well taken care of by the Colonel, who is G-3 now of the Division.

I guess the mail situation up here will be nil, as the outfit is moving a long way off, and it will take a long time for the mail to be sent to me. But I will keep on writing. Lt. Bill Seale, who used to live across the street from us, is down here at the Port Company. The boy that got me this job is one of the best and longest friends I have had in the Army. He and I used to be clerks together since 1941. He got a job up here, and found that this outfit needed another clerk, and got me put on an order from Division, without my even knowing. I saw him a couple of weeks ago when I came up here to Bugo for a load of pineapples, and told him that I wanted to get a job with him. He is a Croatian boy, from Pittsburgh, and a hellava nice fellow. We have certainly had some swell times together since we got together in 1941.

Yesterday's news said that MacArthur will arrive in Tokyo on August 26th, and the armistice will be signed right after that. I think that Mac is just fooling around, and should get on the ball, and get this thing signed and sealed. Right?

Up here I sleep in a two man tent with a boy from Tennessee, who drives a truck and keeps it all of the time. I have a shelf over my bed, to keep the junk I have acquired. We have electric lights, and a Filipino washwoman, and a boy to clean my tent up every morning. George, the monkey, likes his new home and assignment, but felt slighted when they did n't put his name, rank, and ASN on a special order transferring him up here with me. So I consoled him, and told him that I would fix it up with the General. He now feels better. We eat with the AAA Battalion, and they sure do feed swell. They had a show last night, but I had seen it, so just shot bull and ate PX supplies with Nat. Nat Reinfield is clerk for the Division's investigating officer, and fools around the PX on his off-time, so gets plenty of supplies. I bought me a beautiful bracelet and Eversharp pen the other day. There is a professional engraver here in the QM, so He is putting my name on the front, and Mother & Dad on the back, because they bought it for me.

How long do you think you will be there at Avon. It was an interesting article in July Reader's Digest about that school. You ought to read it. It's hard to believe some of the things that they do for the boys there. I got kickout of your letter describing some

of the antics of the blind boys. It really makes me feel bad to hear of the condition of the fellows, but thankful that they feel that they are not a burden on society, and have not lost their spirit and hopes for a bright future. It really takes more guts to feel like they do, than it takes to walk into a Jap machinegun. Right?

This Sergeant I work with was in the AirCorps Administration for 3 years, and last fall got transferred to the Infantry. It is sure a big letdown, isn't it? There are a lot of them over here now.

This morning I rode a LCVP out to a ship in the harbor to get some information. Everything that goes in and out of this harbor passes over our desk, and when the ships come in, there is a lot of work to do. I have a lot to learn about this kind of work. During my 2½ years of company clerking I never handled anything of this sort.

I am expecting the points to be lowered to 75 any day now, and hope to be walking down Broad Street by Xmas, if not before that.

Begood and write soon.

Chink

P.S. NOTICE NEW ADDRESS!

A.

OCT. 14/45

P.S.S. THESE TWO LETTERS CAME BACK. WE'RE
LOADING ON THE BOATS OCT. 20. WRITE
ME AT HOME NEXT! I HAVE WOOLW
AND AM READY TO MOVE OUT. JUST
ALABAMA WON THE 3RD STRAIGHT
GAME, BEATING HOWARD ABOUT 40-0.

Chink



"I bought me a beautiful bracelet and Eversharp pen the other day. There is a professional engraver here, so he is putting my name on the front, and Mother & Dad on the back, because they bought it for me."



Sargent Harold Bank
to Major Bert Bank
August 23, 1945

Sgt. H. L. Bank - 2046637
Cargo Control Office
APO 31, 40 PM, S.F. CALIF.



AIRMAIL

Maj. Bert Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, ALA.
U.S.A.

JPW

30 Aug 45

Dear Bert:

Well, as usual, no mail again this week. I bet I'll have a bunch when it does catch up with me. I sure do miss the news from home. Daddy writes me everything that happens there, just like a paper, and Lottie just shoots a little bull, and that is all.

Yesterday was my day off, so I just loafed around all day. I fixed up a few things around my tent, bummed a socket and bulb from the Red Cross man, took a nap, and took George swimming in the afternoon. There are a few other monkeys around the area, and nearly every afternoon I take him out to play with them.

It is hot as the devil today, and nothing to do in the office here. I have been reading Ernie Pyle's Brave Men all morning, and it is wonderful. You ought to read it at the first opportunity. He was really a great writer. I bet you never heard of him until you got home, did you?

Boy, you have never seen such blackmarket as you do up here where I am. I am right next door to the Provost Marshal, who is Major E. B. Peobles, who married Lee Baldwin, and a darn nice fellow, and they bring in soldiers and Filipinos all day long with stuff. They caught one Filipino with a boat load of GI clothes and equipment he had bought from GI's. One Filipino had a cafe and had 3 new refrigerators he had bought from the Quartermaster. You ought to see the confiscated equipment they have over in the MP building. Reinfield is working over there now assorting out the stuff, and he showed it to me today at dinner hour. It is really supprising. Boy, are they going to stick it to those soldiers. I sure would hate to be in their shoes. And are they strict on the off limits areas here! It costs a soldier \$10.00 every time they caught in an off limits place, and a courts-martial after a few times. Practically all of the little villages and towns are off limits around here.

There are not many ships coming in to this bay now. I guess they are all bypassing us to go farther North these days. We are getting a beer and cigarette issue on the first of the month. We get a case of beer for 4 pesos, and we don't get smokes issued free anymore. We get 2 cartons for 2 pesos every 2 weeks. I don't mind paying if we can only buy them when we need them. It has been awfully hard to get pipe tobacco lately, and I have had to go out and bum some.

What is Dooley Deal doing now? Is he going to be discharged after his leave? Do you know any boys from home that have returned from ETO? It won't be long before a lot from overhere will be returning. We are just waiting for

MacArthur to give the word so they can have a recount of the points, and the critical score will be lowered to 80. I will have 86 points as of September 12th, the contemplated date of the big reaccounting. That is all we old men talk about nowadays, points, points, points, and occupation of Japan.

Out in the bay all day long I can see Filipinos in their little boats fishing. I sure would like to go out with one some day and go fishing. It sure does look good out there. Overhere a lot of fishing is done with TNT and hand grenades. When we were on an outpost on Rach Island off of Morotai for a month, we would go out in the native boats everyday and with a couple of charges of TNT we would get enough fish, and some 200 pounders too, to feed the whole detachment of 200 men. The natives would dive down to get the fish that didn't come to the top. They wear little diving glasses. I sent Daddy a pair of them from Morotai. Boy, we sure did eat fish in those days. I love it. How did you like the nice ebony walking sticks I sent Daddy. The native boy that worked for me and stayed with me made them for me. He sure is handy with a piso (Malayan for small knife). I am going to try and get him in the States after the war. He is a nice looking kid.

A couple of boats just came in, and everything around here is all astir. We have to send a teletype message, get the laborers and working crews out to unload it, fill out some forms, and whatnot.

That is about all for now, so be good and write soon.

Chris

GT. H. L. BANK, 2046637
P.O. M, 167 THE WFF, APO 31,
10 PM, S.F. CALIF.



AIRMAN
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MAJ. BERT BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

26 OCT 45
Davao, P.I.

MR BERT;

I JUST GOT IN! I
WENT OUT WITH A DARN
NICE MAJOR, FROM GEORGIA,
TO-NIGHT, AND HAD A DARN
GOOD TIME. HE HAD A
QUART OF SEAGRAM'S 7,
AND IS A FA RESERVE
OFFICER TRANSFERRED IN
TO GO HOME WITH US.
OUR BOATS HAVEN'T COME
IN AS YET, AND WE DON'T
KNOW WHEN WE WILL LEAVE.
A STRONG LATRINE-O-GRAM
FROM STOOL NO. 4 SAYS
WE WILL LEAVE ON NOV.
15 TH. BUT I DON'T KNOW
WHEN IT WILL BE. I AM

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READY TO LEAVE NOW.

BOY, ITS HOT TO-NIGHT,
AND I'M FEELING WONDER-
FUL. I HAVE MORE SWEET-
MIRS THAN I KNOW WHAT
TO DO WITH. I HAVE A
JAP CARBINE, PISTOL, PAIR
OF BINOCULARS, FLAG,
KNEE MORTAR, MANY COINS
AND YENS, AND 4 BELLY
HARI-KARI BANDS, AND
3 WATCHES. I HAVE
A CLEARANCE ON IT
ALL, AND IT SURE IS
GOING TO WEIGHT ME
DOWN.

I AM TRYING TO GET

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MY DISCHARGE IN CALIF.
SO I CAN SPEND A
COUPLE OF WEEKS OUT
THERE. EITHER WISE THEY
WILL PUT US ALL ON A
TRAIN FROM THE BOAT,
AND I WON'T GET TO
SEE CALIFORNIA. WHAT
DO YOU THINK OF IT? I
THINK IT'S A DAMN
GOOD IDEA, BUT DON'T
KNOW AS YET IF I CAN
ARRANGE. AS BATTALION
SGT. MAJOR I HAVE
A LOT OF PULL AND
CAN DO MORE THAN OTHER-
WISE. A COLONEL GAVE
ME A PISTOL. YOU SEE.

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WHEN ALL OF THESE
JAPS SURRENDERED, ALL
JAP GUNS AND SABERS
HAD TO BE TURNED IN.
BUT A LOT WERE NOT
TURNED IN. THEN AFTER
THE COLONEL TOOK WHAT
HE WANTED, HE GAVE
THE OFFICERS THE REST
OF THE STUFF. SO THE
EM WERE LEFT OUT. BUT
ANOTHER COLONEL, FROM
B' HAM, IS A BUDDY OF
MINE, AND TOOK CARE
OF ME. HE'S A NICE
FELLOW.
"SQUARE" ADAMS IS
HOME NOW, AND SAYS HE

HE'S GOING TO RUN FOR
SHERIFF. BOY, HE'LL GET
MY VOTE. RIGHT?

WELL, WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO DO? GO ON THE
BOND TOUR? WHAT DID
THE FEE DO ABOUT YOUR
RADIO PERMIT? I SURE
HOPE YOU GET IT! WHY
DON'T YOU TRY TO GET OUT
OF THE ARMY AS SOON AS
IT'S APPROVED? SAY,

I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM
YOU IN 3 WEEKS. YOU
MUST BE HAVING A BIG
TIME IN CHICAGO! RIGHT?

BE GOOD AND I'LL SEE
YOU SOON!

Chick

Sgt. H.L. Bank, 20416637
Co M 167th Inf APO 31 % PM
S.F., Calif.



VIA AIR MAIL

Major Bert Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.A.

1 Nov 45

Dear Bert:

I haven't heard from you in so long, that I don't know where you are now. I don't know if you went home from Chicago, or to Penn., or to Miami on the bond trip, or to Avon, Conn. Boy, you are sure doing some traveling nowadays.

I went to town, Davao, yesterday at 1 o'clock to get my watch fixed. I got back at 9:30 o'clock. I saw Ellis from home in town. He had just arrived from Parang on his ISM. I went by the ship to see the boys that I had ridden down with 3 weeks ago, and also saw George, monkey, down there. He sure was glad to see me.

We were supposed to leave here yesterday, but our boats didn't come in. No one seems to know when they will arrive. Some say we don't leave until the 25th of the month now. So I don't know when we will get to the States. I sure hope it is before Xmas, though. Right?

It is hot as the devil here now, and rains every night. I still haven't managed for a set of the pictures the PRO took up at the Davao Penal Colony. No one can ride up there now. I sure would like to fly up there, and might yet, if we stay here a little longer.

Our new Battalion Surgeon is Capt. Arthur Seale, from Moundville. I don't know him, but he went to the U of A back in 1928, and used to eat in our place.

There are 20,000 Japs in the stockade down here, and they are shipping them out everyday. They live in tents, and only a few have cots. There is one Jap civilian woman in there with her husband. They issue one package of pipe tobacco to every 6 men once a month. They put them in the holds of a ship without cots and they suffer in those hot holds, but not as much as you did. They couldn't find enough work for them to do, so ~~there~~ we have them cleaning the jungle out to make a ball field, two of them. And boy it is hot out there. If it was up to me I wouldn't even give them water when they work. Right?

I got my Jap watch fixed, and two others also, but the other two stopped running before I got home. I am going to try and go back this afternoon and get the Flip to look at it again, as I have already paid him. I got in the brown with a lot of the officers up here at Battalion Headquarters, doing them a lot of favors, that I didn't have to do as Sgt. Major, and one of them gave me a quart of Shenley's Reserve. I am going to save it until I get on the boat. He is a nice fellow from Galveston, Texas, and was at OCS the same time I was.

Boy, are we allgripping over here now. They are using Liberty ships to send the Japs to Jap an, and instead of converting them totake us home, they would rather see the Japs sent home first. We get a Daily P acifican paper, and you ought to read the hot letters of p rotest they, the men and officers, write in. The papers back home are headlining the news of so many troops that are being shipped home, and the truth is that only about a fourth of the number are really leaving here. Isure will be glad to leave this God-forsaken country of Flips. Right? I can't stand the smell of them and their towns.

We are having beat-up fried chicken angin tonight. I am getting of eating chicken every other day. Right?

Well, the Special Service just called and said we can buy either 7 cartons of cigarettes for 2 P or 1 box of cigars for 7 P. So I guess I will get two cartons today. It will probably be our last issue before we leave, I hope, I hope, I hope. The special service officer is a 1st Lt that played halfback for Dartmouth in 1936. He is a regular fellow, and a hot buddy of mine.

Be good and I'll see you soon.

Chink

BY AIR MAIL

PAR AVION

Sgt. H.L. Bank, 20410037
Co M 167th Inf APO 31
% PM S., Calif.

AIRMAIL

Free
NPA

Soldier's Mail

Miss Lottie Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.

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R. H. M.
EXAMINER

N.E.T.

22 JAN 45

DEAREST LOTTIE:

NO MAIL TO DAY. WE MOVED
TO DAY, AND WORKED ALL DAY
PUTTING UP TENTS AND CLEANING
UP THE AREA. BUT IT WILL
LOOK ALL RIGHT AFTER WE
COVER ALL OF THE MUD
OVER WITH CORAL SAND.
GIVE US A WEEK AND
WE CAN MAKE ANY AREA
LOOK LIKE A CASTLE.

FOR ONE TIME I DON'T
HAVE TO BUILD A SHOWER.
WE ALREADY HAVE TWO
50 GAL. DRUMS UP ON A
PLATFORM, WITH TWO FAUCETS,
AND A PUMP, HAND, IN THE
WELL. IT'S BAGOOSE.

I HAD ALREADY SEEN ABOUT
THE TURNER BOY. HE WAS A
COOK IN "D" CO. WHEN WE
JOINED THE ARMY.

WE HAD A LOVE, A BOY
COVER THE MUD
OVER WITH CORAL SAND
GIVE US A WEEK AND
WE CAN MAKE ANY AREA
LOOK LIKE A GARDEN.
FOREIGN TIME I DON'T
HAVE TO BUILD A HOUSE.
WE ALREADY HAVE TWO
SO FAR. DRUMS UP ON A
PLATFORM, WITH TWO FANCIES
AND A PUMP HAND IN THE
MIDDLE. IT'S A BOOSE.

ARNOLD ROYAL CAME BY
TO SEE ME THIS AFTERNOON.
WE SHOT BULL A COUPLE OF
HOURS. HE DROVE THE 7 OR
8 MILES OUT HERE.

THEY'RE HAVING MAIL
CALL NOW, AND I'M WAITING
TO SEE IF I GET ANY.
BET I DO. IT'S NOW 6 P.M.

WELL, I DID GET 5 LETTERS,
2 FROM YOU, FROM NAOMI, VALERIA,
AND ROSALIE. GOT THE
CLIPPINGS. SURE HATED TO
SEE ABOUT DOCKERY. I
KNEW HIM WELL. BOY, THAT
WAS SOME WRITE-UP ABOUT
ME. BOYS RECEIVE IT EVERY
DAY FROM EVERY STATE IN
THE UNION. GLAD TO SEE ABOUT
MONSKY.

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

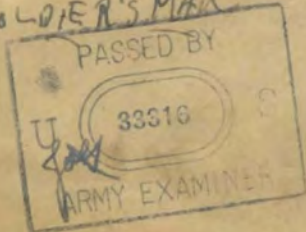
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SOLDIER'S MAIL



MISS LOTTIE BANK
3018- 5TH ST.

TUSCALOOSA,
ALA.
U.S.A.

25 Jan 45
N.E.I.

Dearest Lottie:

Well, today I got a letter from Daddy dated Dec. 5, but I think it was supposed to be Jan. 5/45. Right?

I really put in a day's work today, building a bomb-proof shelter, and I am really tired tonight. I just took a bath and brushed my teeth, and now am sitting in the supply room, where I have electric lights, and what feels like air-conditioning, but it is only a good breeze. We moved into our bomb-proof shelter this afternoon, and I already have it all fixed up. I first built me a floor under my bed and a few feet out from it, then built a cabinet to keep some of my junk in it, then a shelf, then put up a lot of nails to hang junk on. I have it really fixed up nice. Boy, that water bag that Daddy had the man in St. Louis to send me sure comes in handy. It holds about 2 gallons and I always keep water in it, because you know I drink a lot. Right?

Got a letter from Mrs. Metzger from Jacksonville today, and all is well there. She tells me all about my friends there. Did you say 30½ stickalich for last year? I couldn't make it out, because you had scratched through it. Right?

Got a letter from Albert Hoffman yesterday, and also a box from you, with a can of pears, applesauce, and pecans. The pecans were all rotten. What is the matter with the pecans this year? Huh? Don't send any more applesauce, as we are getting that here now. Send some peach halves, cherries, and fruitcake. That fruitcake is the best of all. Right?

Lottie, I think you ought to stay home till Bert and I get back. Then you can go back to Birmingham to work. Right? Or maybe you will want to be the secretary in the wholesale Army goods business with Daddy and I. Huh? But you will have to work for me, not just loaf all of the time. People who work for me work, and work hard and long. If you don't believe it, just ask any of the boys here in my platoon. And I am out there in the hot sun working just as hard as any one of them. It is rough, but I have to do it. It wouldn't look good for the leader to sit on his ranny while the men work. Right?

Lottie, now is a good opportunity to do a lot of work out at the hospital, Northington General, I mean. You ought to go out there a lot. And you ought to take up bookkeeping at the business school there in the mornings. Daddy could spare you, and you don't know how easier it will be to get a job with a little knowledge of bookkeeping. You don't have to be a bookkeeper, just know a little about it. Right?

Got a Valentine from Eve Hoffman today. She sent me a nice picture of herself, and she sure is a nice looking girl. Be good and write soon.

LOVE, Harold

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Sgt. H. L. BANK, 20416637

Co. M, 167TH INF., A.P.O. 31,

90 P.M., S. F. CALIF.



VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Lottie Bank

3018-5TH ST REET,

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

PASSED BY



ARMY EXAMINER

28 JAN 5

N.E.T.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

TODAY IS SUNDAY, AND IT'S
RAINING AS PER USUAL.

YESTERDAY I DIDN'T WRITE,
BECAUSE I WENT TO A SHOW, SAW

"WITH BETTY HUTTON
"HAPPY GO LUCKY"
AND MARY MARTIN, AND IT SURE
WAS GOOD. BOTH CAN REALLY SING.
"TO HAVE OR NOT TO HAVE" WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE OK, BUT WASN'T.

YESTERDAY MORNING I WENT
DOWN TO THE P.O. TO MAIL A
BOX TO YOU AND CASH MY MONEY &
ORDERS FROM YOU. AFTER THAT I
WAS GOING TO CATCH A RIDE
UP TO SEE "DOOLEY" DEAL.
HE HAPPENED TO COME BY AND
PICKED ME UP, AND WE WENT
UP TO HIS PLACE AND SHOT

-3-

UNDER MY BED.

I RECEIVED TWO LETTERS
FROM YOU & DADDY YESTER DAY, DATED

JAN. 16 & 17th! PRETTY

WORK HIM?

NAT OFS NOT AROUND

MEANWHILE HOWEVER I DID SEE

HIM ONCE THIS WEEK.

GLAD YOU GOT DADDY'S

TABLETSTRAIGHTENED. I WAS

PLANNING ON DOING IT MYSELF

WHEN I GOT HOME

BUT YOU SAVED ME THE

TRouble.

I BET GOOD & WRITET SOON!

PLEASE USE IT

PLEASE USE IT

PLEASE USE IT

PLEASE USE IT

PLEASE USE IT

PLEASE USE IT

PLEASE USE IT

-2-

BULL ALL MORNING. HE HOPES
TO BE HOME IN MARCH
AROUND THE FIRST. SURE WISH
I COULD COME HOME WITH HIM.

I'M EXPECTING ARNOLD

ROYAL DOWN THIS AFTER-
NOON. REMEMBER DEVOTA
GREEN? HIS SISTER, MARY
WARD MARRIED MILTON ROSEN-
FELD! WELL, I JUST FOUND
OUT HE IS STAYING HERE
ALSO. DOOLEY IS GOING
TO BRING HIM DOWN TO
SEE ME SOON. THEN WE
WILL HAVE A REAL BULL-
SESSION.

ILVE GOT MY BOX FIXED
UP NICE NOW, AND HOPE
WE STAY HERE A LONG TIME.
I EVEN BUILT A FLOOR

BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION

Sgt. H.L. BANK, 2046637
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2/7/45
Miss LOTTIE BANK

3018-5TH ST.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

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1 FEB 5
D.E.F.
DEAREST LOTTIE:

WELL, IT HASN'T RAINED
SO FAR, THANK GOODNESS, AND IT'S
NOW 4 P.M.

I'M WRITING THIS BEFORE
SUPPER TODAY SO THAT I CAN
PACK AND GO TO ASHONT-
NIGHT.

I READ ALL MORNING, AND
PLAYED BRIDGE ALL AFTER-
NOON. I WON, INCIDENTALLY.

I RECEIVED THREE LETTERS
FROM YOU TODAY, ONE ON
THE 12TH, AND TWO ON THE
13TH OF JANUARY.

WHO IS SANDY HELM, THAT
IS MISSING IN ACTION?

I DON'T GET THE TUSCAL-
OOSA NEWS ANY MORE. HOW'S

PAGE AND WRITE HIM A NICE

LETTER. I WANT TO TELL

YOU THAT I AM NOT

SOON!

LOVE,

Harold

THE

READ AT MORNING

PLEASE BRIDE AT

WON'T I. NOW, INCIDENTALLY

I RECEIVED THREE

FROM YOU TO DAY, ONE ON

THE 15th, AND TWO ON

13th OF JANUARY

WHAT I WANT TO SAY

IS THAT I AM NOT

GOING TO GET THE

FROM THE

ABOUT CHECKING UP ON IT?
HUM?

M. DUFF OWES ME A LETTER
ALSO. HE NEVER ANSWERED MY
LETTER OF LAST FALL.

IF YOU GET A CHANCE
TO BUY A LOT OF THAT
STUFF IN ATLANTA, WHY
DON'T YOU BUY IT? YOU'LL
SAVE MONEY, AS IT IS BOUND
TO BE CHEAPER THAN
BUYING FROM JOBBERS.
RIGHT?

NEXT CHANCE YOU HAVE,
WHY DON'T YOU STOCK UP ON
TAR PAULINS INSTEAD OF
WAITING UNTIL THEY ARE
FROZEN? RIGHT?

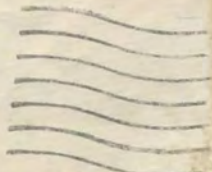
YES, I GOT THE WATER-

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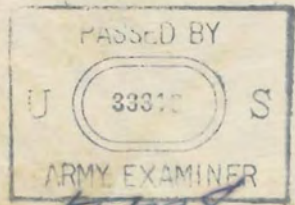
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VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Lottie Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.



2/17/45

3 Feb 45
N.E.I.

Dearest Lottie:

Well, no mail today, but I did get about 6 papers, all B'ham news, and a box from you, with a can of syrup, and a can of prunes. Thanks a million. I don't get the Tuscaloosa News anymore. Why?

It sure has been hot today, and I mean hot. It hasn't rained in a couple of days, and that is worse. We cleaned out some of the area of logs and trash today, and have it looking pretty good.

Well, I finally put some electric lights in the tent, as one of the boys got a large bulb. So now I can let my Coleman Lantern rest a while. By the way, did you ever send me the generators and mantels for the Coleman lantern? I sure do need them. I know you can find them in a hardware store. Right?

Today is Saturday, and I didn't even know it until a boy just passed and said it was. I thought it was about Thursday, or somewhere near there. But it doesn't matter, anyway, does it, whether it is Monday or Wednesday.

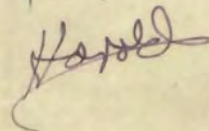
Lottie, what ever did you send to Martelle for a Xmas present from me? I haven't heard from her saying that she has received it, so I was wondering if she ever did get it.

Just took a good bath, and feel good, although I'm sweating to beat the band. The jive is coming in on the radio in the orderly room, and sure does sound good.

I just saw in the paper that Wayne Patton, from Livingston, was mission in action. Remember, he was in school with me. I last saw him in Montgomery when I was there, and met his sister on the train when I was coming home from Shelby. Fancher knows him.

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,



FEB 9

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JOHN H. BANK, 20416637

CO. M, 167TH INF, APO. 31,

c/o P.M., S, F, CALIF.

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~~VIA AIR MAIL~~

SOLDIER'S MAIL

MISS LOTTIE BANK
3018-5TH ST.



TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U. S. A.
7/16/45

5 FEB 45

N. E. F.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

WELL, TO-DAY WE LAID
AROUND ALL DAY AWAITING,
NOT GLADLY, THE INSPECTERS.
ABOUT TWO P.M. THEY CAME, AND
AFTER ALL MY PREPARATION,
THEY DIDN'T COME NEAR MY
HOUSE, NOR DID THEY EVEN
INSPECT OUR GUNS, BUT
I DIDN'T CARE, BECAUSE WE
WERE ALL READY. RIGHT?
DIDN'T GET ANY MAIL
TO-DAY, BUT GOT A LETTER
FROM LES POTTER.

IT'S HOT AS THE DEVIL,
AND I SURE HAVE SWEATED
A WHILE. TRIED TO TAKE
A NAP THIS AFTER NOON,
BUT IT WAS TOO HOT TO

THAT THE JAPS DIDN'T DEFEND
 MANILA MORE TO BE SURE
 THEY DIDN'T THOUGHT THEY
 ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT
 CAPTURED A LOT OF
 IMPROVERS OF WAR, MAINLY
 WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
 SO TOMORROW I'M GOING
 TO OUR INTELLIGENCE
 OFFICER TO SEE IF HE
 CAN FIND OUT IF BERT
 WAS IN THE BUNCH AND
 IF SO, TO GET HIM
 TO BERT TO STOP
 THERE BE A FIRE HE FLIES
 BACK TO THE U.S. I
 BELIEVE HE WILL. I'LL A
 BACK THERE IMMEDIATELY.
 IT TOT GOT SAW IT TOB

SLEEP. I MIGHT I COULDN'T
 SLEEP. AND A SNACK
 IT JUST SENT OUT A
 BOX AND HE GOT A LOAF
 OF BREAD. SO WE ATE
 A CAN OF SARDINES. TO-
 MORROW NIGHT I WILL EAT
 MY LAST CAN OF APPLE-
 SAUCE. BY THAT TIME I
 HOPE TO RECEIVE ANOTHER
 BOX. RIGHT? I DON'T LIKE
 TO GO TO BED WITHOUT
 A SNACK AND USUALLY
 MANAGE FOR ONE.
 TO-DAY THEY ANNOUNCED
 MAC ARTHUR ARRIVED IN
 MANILA, AND I SURE AM
 HAPPY. IT SURPRISED ME

TO YOU BETAM A WIRE,
BE SURE AND WIRE HIM
BACK IMMEDIATELY TO
LOOK ME UP. DO DIFF
YOU HAVE TO CALL UP
LISTER HILL TO DO IT!
UNDERSTAND?

BE GOOD AND WRING
SOON. I HOPE TO RECEIVE ANSWERS
FROM YOU. I DON'T WANT
TO BE OVERLOOKED.
Yours truly,
Harold

MANAGE FOR ONE. I AM
A DAY. THEY ANNOUNCED
THE ARRIVAL. ARRIVED IN
MINUTE AND I SURE AM
HAPPY. IT SURPRISED ME.

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Sgt. H. L. BANK, 2046637
C.M., 167 TH INF, APO. 31,
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VIA AIR MAIL

MISS LOTTIE BANK
3018-5TH ST.
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.



2 FEB 1955
N.E.T.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

WELL, NO MAIL AT ALL
TODAY. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
IN A LONG TIME THAT I HAVE
GONE TWO STRAIGHT DAYS
WITHOUT MAIL FROM YOU.

THIS MORNING I TOOK 30
MEN OVER TO BATTALION
HQ TO FINISH WORKING ON
THE STAGE WE BUILT. IT
SURE LOOKS NEAT, WITH THE
MAKE-SHIFT DRAPES AND
CURTAINS.

THIS AFTERNOON
WE HAD A USO SHOW.
THERE WERE 3 GIRLS.
AND 4 MEN IN THE

THE MOSQUITOES AND
SMALL KNATS, WHICH SURE
DO BITE ON ME.

I'VE BEEN PLAYING
A LOT OF BRIDGE LATELY.

I PLAYED FROM 6 TILL 10
TO-NIGHT, WON AND LOST

3 RUBBERS. BUT I THINK
WE WON IN POINTS, HAVE

HAD A LOT OF FUN
LATELY AND WON EVERY

OTHER TIME I HAVE
PLAYED BRIDGE.

YOU OUGHT TO LEARN
TO PLAY. IT'S THE BEST

PAST-TIME I KNOW OF,
BE SIDE READING. RIGHT?

SHOW. IT WAS TERRIBLE,
EXCEPT FOR ONE NICE
LOOKING GIRL WHO SANG
LIKE BETTY HUTTON. SHE
WAS A BIT OF BAGGOOSE.

WE GOT A NEW RULE
PASSED ON US TO-DAY
AND I SURE AM GLAD
WE CAN NOW KEEP OUR
SHIRTS OFF AS LONG
AS WE ARE OUT IN

THE OPEN, FROM DAY-
LIGHT TO DAWN. IN OUR
PILL-BOXES WE MUST
KEEP THEM ON. BUT
THAT ISN'T HALF BAD.
NO ONE WILL WANT TO
KEEP THEIR SHIRTS OFF
AT NIGHT, BECAUSE

-X-

According to Mac-
Arthur's ANNOUNCE-
MENT THE ONLY IMPORTANT
THING HE SAID WAS
THAT A LOT OF MEN
THAT WERE ON THE
MARCH OF DEATH IN
BATAAN ARE FIGHTING
IN THE STREETS OF
MANILA. I BELIEVE BERT
IS THERE, AND SOON WE
WILL HEAR FROM HIM. JUST
YOU WAIT AND SEE! RIGHT?
BE GOOD AND WRITE
SOON!

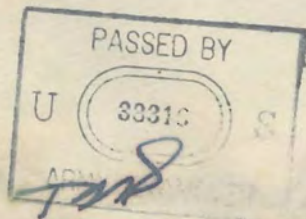
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Miss LOTTIE BANK
3018-5TH ST.
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

2/17/45

9 Feb 45
N.E.I.

Dearest Lottie:

It is now 9:25 PM, and I just got back from the best show I have seen in a long time. It was "To Have And Not to Have", and that gal, Laren Bacall, is the most luscious thing I ever saw. Right? I sure did enjoy it immensely. Right?

Today I received 8 letters, 4 from you, the latest dated Jan. 27, and one from Harry Berman and Naomi. Lottie, your letter was dated Jan. 27, and you got the card from Bert on Jan. 21, when Daddy wrote me a V-mail. Don't you think that much news is worth sending me on a Airmail stamp, instead of waiting 6 days? Well, I do. See, if you had sent me an Airmail letter on the 21st, I would have received the news from Bert 6 days ago, instead of now. I can't see why some of the brains in the family can't think of those things once in a while. But I guess all of you just say, well, he is 12,000 miles away, and it won't hurt him to wait 6 more days for it, and I'll just send him the usual V-mail. Right? Well, that is the way it seems to me.

You don't know how happy I was to hear of it, and I believe that Camp #2 has been liberated, and that Bert is now free. I'll bet you will have heard from him by the time you receive this.

Got a long and nice letter from McDuff today, and he has been promoted to a Major. I didn't know that. He said he heard from you a couple of times. He is fine, working hard, and having a good time with the women and wine over there in Paris. He says the women there are beautiful, very unlike over here. Right?

I guess Mother was very disappointed that the Doctor in Bessemer couldn't find anything wrong with her, wasn't she? I know she felt bad about it, and I don't blame her. When one knows that something is wrong with one, and there really isn't, no medicine in the world can help one. Right? The only thing that will help is a darn good rest, and stop worrying about the simple things of life. So take heed, Mother, and do this for Bert, if not me, because when I come home, which will be soon, I hope, I want to find you just as Bert said in that now famous letter, more beautiful and healthy than when we left you a long time ago. Bro says you are planning a big party when we all get back, and we will really have one. They are cooking doughnuts in the kitchen tonight, and I just sampled one, U-m-m, sure is good. Daddy, you ought to be sure that no-one rents the store next door. See the owner, and see that he talks to you before you rent it, here. Because when I get back we want to take in that store right away. Rent it yourself, if necessary to keep someone else from going in there, and you know they will, now that the new plant is to be built there. You ought to go to Chicago or New York and buy a lot of merchandise now, not later, now. Understand? Daddy, why don't you buy some property out around the outskirts of town somewhere, as they will go up soon. You ought to. Daddy forget to date one of his letters! No, Daddy, I don't get tired of your business talk, only talk more about it, as

I enjoy it a lot. Keep up the good work, as your letters are always interesting.

Got a letter from Naomi and she passed her sanior test with the ice skates, and had a nice writeup in one of the New York Papers. Some style, huh?

I don't remember if Martelle ever said anything about the present you sent her or not, but don't believe she did. I should be getting a letter from her anyday now, so guess she will mention it. Right?

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

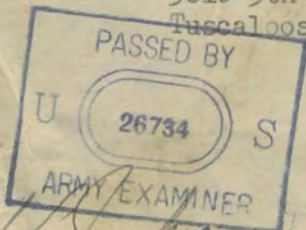
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Airmail

Miss Lottie Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.



Fredrick L. Jackson
Capt. C.A.B.

15 Feb 45
New Guinea

Dearest Lottie:

Well, I got here in New Guinea yesterday, and will have to wait till the 18th till Bert gets here. You don't know how thrilled and how I am living on air till he gets here. I was never at this base before, except to stop in the harbor a couple of hours last July. This is a nice place, and the people here that I was to contact sure have been nice to me. They are wonderful. I had notes from Col. Wilson, who talked to Bert, and those notes got me a ride all the way down on a plane, or planes, and now got me a place to stay till Bert gets here.

It is hot as the devil here, and I sure have been sweating the past few days. Have also lost weight since I left the 11th, as I miss a lot of meals when traveling on a plane. Right?

Went to a show, Holliday Inn, with Bing Crosby, last night, but I had already seen it in the states. I had to leave in the middle of the show to go in conference, but didn't care. Yesterday morning in ~~XXXX~~ Dutch N.G. on the way down here, I bumped into James Kissiah, 1st Lt., who is the son of your postman. He is on the way down here, also prior to going back to the states. He will be back before long. He looks good, tell his father, and sure has gained a lot of weight. He is in the Engineers, a good deal. Too bad about his brother getting it over in England, wasn't it?

Went over to the beautiful recreation hall this afternoon, and sat down in a beach chair, and fell asleep for a couple of hours, then read the rest of the afternoon. Tonight I am going to a show, Loretta Young and Alan Ladd in "Now and Forever". Have you seen it?

Well, when Bert gets here, we will shoot the bull for the whole 3 days I will be with him, and we both will write you a long letter. You know, it is funny, I am waiting for Bert for 4 days, travelled half the Southwest and Central Pacific and still he don't know that I am looking for him. A General was going to fly him down to see me, but he pulled out of the P.I. the day I got there. He wasn't supposed to leave for a couple of more days. He didn't even know that I was coming up there. A friend of his heard that he was there, and was coming down to the island I am on, and he just took it on himself to take me back with him. It sure was nice of him to do it, wasn't it?

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

Harold

Sgt. H. L. BANK, 204166
Co. M, 167th Inf, APO. 38
El Paso, S.F., CALIF.



AIR-MAIL

MISS LOTTIE BANK
3018-5TH ST.
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U. S. A.

3/1/45



THIRD CLASS HERE





20 FEB 45
N.C.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

WELL, I WAS WITH BERT FOR 41 HOURS, AND I LEFT HIM AT 10:10 AM TO-DAY. WE DIDN'T STOP TALKING THE WHOLE TIME. I HEARD STORIES HE AND HIS BUDDIES TOLD THAT SOUND IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE. THEY'RE EATING LIKE KINGS ON THE SHIP, AND SLEEPING ON MATTRESSES. BERT HASN'T STOPPED EATING SINCE HE WAS FREED. I NEVER SAW ANYONE EAT SO MUCH. HE WEIGHS 180 LBS, AND IS GAINING EVERY DAY. THE DOCTOR ON THE SHIP IS A FRIEND OF OURS FROM U. OF A., AND HE REALLY TAKES CARE OF HIM. STEAKS, FRUIT-JUICE, ETC. I SURE ENJOYED THE MEALS ON THE SHIP.

THEY HAD 3 DIFFERENT USO SHOWS YESTERDAY AND LAST NIGHT, AND SURE WERE GOOD. THE PX BAUGH HIM FREE ANYTHING HE WANTED, AND HE GOT A LOT OF JUNK. THE RED-CROSS SERVED ICE-COLD ORANGE-ADE, COFFEE, COOKIES, FRUIT-CAKE, AND DOUGHNUTS. BOY, DID WE EAT? HE WILL CALL YOU FROM S.F., THEN WILL PROBABLY COME HOME. HE SAID HE SURE WOULD BE MAD IF MOTHER WASN'T ALL DRESSED UP.

YOU WILL NEVER KNOW HOW THRILLED I WAS TO SEE HIM LOOKING SO GOOD. HE HAS ONLY 1 SMALL SCAR, ON HIS HAND, WHEN HE JUMPED OUT OF THE CAR IN 1941. IT'S NOT BAD. THE ONLY THING HE HAS, THAT HE TOOK WITH HIM, IS HIS DOG-TAGS. THEY BAUGH HIM A LOT OF NEW CLOTHES, INCLUDING A NICE OVERCOAT.

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON. LT. MITCHELL, WHO WORKED IN THE DEAN'S OFFICE, CAME TO SEE HIM. LOVE,
Harold

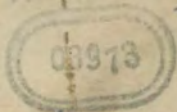
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AIR MAIL

Miss Lottie BANK
3018-5TH ST.
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.



Stanley Andrews
and Sir AC



AMERICAN RED CROSS

25 FEB 45
P.I.

SUNDAY

DEAREST LOTTIE:

WELL, HERE I AM BACK IN THE P.I.
ONCE AGAIN. I GOT HERE YESTERDAY AFTER-
NOON, AND WILL LEAVE TOMORROW FOR HOME,
OR RATHER, MY COMPANY. I HAVE BEEN GONE
2 WEEKS TODAY.

TELL BERT, WHEN HE GETS HOME, THAT
I SAW ^{LT. COL.} BOB DAVIS AND HE SURE WAS
GLAD TO HEAR HE WAS O.K. HE GAVE
ME A NOTE TO CATCH THE PLANE
TOMORROW. BOY, THESE AIR CORPS MEN
SURE HAVE BEEN NICE TO ME, SENDING
ME 5,000 MILES TO SEE BERT! RIGHT?
IT'S HOT AS THE DEVIL HERE NOW,
AND I SURE AM SWEATING.

I THINK I'LL GO TO SLEEP NOW, 5:30 P.M.,
AS I'M TIRED, AND HAVE TO GET UP EARLY.
BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

LOVE,
HAROLD

Sgt. H.L. Bank, 20416637
Co M 167th Inf APO 31 % PM
S.F., Calif.

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AIRMAIL

Miss Lottie Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.A.

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ARMY EXAMINER

3/10/45

1 March 1945
N.E.I.

Dearest Lottie:

Well, today a year ago I set sail from the dear ol' U S A for these waters over here. That year sure did pass quick, didn't it? Sure am glad it is behind me now.

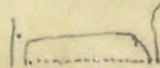
Today I am on Charge of Quarters, and nothing to do but answer the phone and write letters. Had to go to a meeting and just got back. It is now 4:30 PM. I wrote Cousin Rae and Lipson a letter today. Also got a letter from Evelyn Applebaum.

The mail don't come in till after supper, so don't know if I will get the clipping or not you sent.

It has been raining all day, and sure is muddy here now. There is a show tonight, Janette MacDonald in "Cairo", so think I'll go.

I just wrote all the stories that Bert and the boys told me on the typewriter, so the boys can read all about it. I also have to make a speech on it.

I asked about 7 or 8 months for 6 little pins to go on a watch that holds the watch to the watch band. Why haven't you sent them? You just ignore all of my requests, don't you? The size is here:



NO MAIL FROM YOU, BUT A LETTER FROM SID
ROSEN AND MARTELLE. "CAIRO" SURE WAS GOOD.
WHAT ABOUT THE AD DADDY PUT IN THE PAPER?

Love,

Harold

Sgt. H.L. Bank, 20416537
Co M 167th Inf APO 31
San Francisco, Calif.



AIR-MAIL



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.



3/13/45



5 Mar 45
N.E.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I received the clipping of Bert that was in the Tuscaloosa today, and sure was glad to get it. There is no letter in it, and the letter wasn't even stamped on the envelope. "here in the world did they get the idea that I was on the Philippines? Did you tell them that?"

Today we moved to a new area down by the beach, and the mail didn't go out, therefore I didn't write last night. I worked all day, and am tired tonight. Just took a bath, and am ready for bed.

I still didn't get the copy of the ad you put in the paper about thanking the people of Tuscaloosa. Did you send it? What date was the article about Bert in the paper. You didn't even put the date on it. Guess you think I am not interested. Right?

It is hot as the devil here tonight, and I am going to try to go in swimming tomorrow in the ocean. I haven't been in in a long time.

Saw a good show last night, "Animal Kingdom", and it was a bit of O.K. Saw "Cairo" night before last, and it was good, also.

That is all for now, except please send a check for \$6.25 to Pfc Harry A. Lipson, Jr., 34702624, 2111th ABU, Sqdn B, BAAF, Blytheville, Arkansas, as soon as you received this, as he just sent me something that I have been requesting from you for 6 months. So you see I have to go outside of the family to get things I want, because my family is too lazy to walk around the corner to buy them.

Be good, and write soon.

Love,

Sgt. H.L. Bank, 20416637
Co M 167th Inf APO 31
% PM, S... Calif.



Miss Lottie Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.



11 Mar 45
N.E.I.

Dearest Lott

Well, no mail today, so I will have to write this letter from scratch. It rained all afternoon, and I did nothing but try to take a nap, read, write 2 letters, and played a few games of checkers with some of the boys. This morning I went up and talked to Capt. Duren, from Tuscaloosa, and told him about seeing Bert. Then we had to haul a few loads of coral sand in the company street and in the tents to fill up the mud holes. It is a lot better now.

This afternoon it rained all afternoon, and is still raining. I was going to the USO show, Helzapoppin, but the rain cancelled my plans. Maybe I'll get to see it yet. Tomorrow I start to another GI school for a little while. I don't know what it will be like, but imagine it will be just like the last school.

Got a nice letter from Emanuel yesterday, and am answering it tonight.

Got a nice letter from Naomi this week. Know what she said? She asked me if I would be contented to settle down in a small uneventful town as I was living in before the war. Boy, was I burned up? I really told her about our "uneventful" town. Right? I will be satisfied with Tuscaloosa always. Right?

Don't know what is the matter with the mail lately. I got a letter from about Feb. 16, 27th and then March 1st. Are you still writing everyday? It doesn't look like it.

Just finished reading 3 "This Week's" from the Sunday B'ham News I received yesterday. Do you ever read them? There are really some good stories in them, some of them true to life. One of the boys in the tent got a January Reader's Digest, so I will start on it tonight. But no late Omnibook?????

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

Harold

327. H.L. BANK, 208 663

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ARMY EXAMINER

13 MARKS
N.E.T.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM
YOU TO-DAY DATED MAR. 3, AND
TWO FROM DADDY DATED, BOTH,
FEB. 23RD.

T HIS MORNING WE WENT
ON A MOTOR PATROL, AND DID

SOME FIRING THIS AFTERNOON.

IT RAINED ALL DAY.

I NEVER GOT TO SEE
THE TWO USO SHOWS HERE
AS YET BECAUSE OF THE
RAIN.

I GOT A LETTER FROM

MORT TO-DAY WITH A
PICTURE OF HIS BABY.

SHE SURE IS CUTE.

LOTTIE, I WROTE YOU,
MOTHER, DADDY, AND THE SHURIE
TO SEND ME MY SHAG FEEF
PEN I LEFT AT HOME.

MUCH TOO BUSY NOW YEARS
 TO LOOK THROUGH THE STUFF
 I SENT HOME IN THE
 BUNDLE FROM HOME. SO
 AFTER MANY MONTHS OF
 UNDECISION, I RECEIVED
 THE HAPPY WORD THAT MY
 PEN WAS ON THE WAY.
 I HAD THE WHOLE COM-
 PANY ENTHUSIASTICALLY
 AWAITING ITS ARRIVAL.
 AFTER HEARING SO MUCH
 FROM ME ABOUT MY FAMILY,
 THEY KNEW MY FAMILY
 WOULDN'T THINK OF SENDING
 ME ANYTHING BUT THE
 BEST. SO THE GREAT DAY
 IT IN ALL YACAME MY PEN IS
 HERE. ALL THE BOYS CROWDED
 AROUND TO WATCH ME OPEN IT.

I HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR
 IT FOR 1 YEAR EXACTLY. AFTER
 WAITING TO MONTHS OF BEING
 WITHOUT A PEN I GAVE YOU
 AN ADDRESS TO SEND THE
 MONEY TO FOR A GOOD PEN.
 DID ANY OF MY FAMILY
 TAKE CARE OF THIS MATTER
 DURING THE YEAR OF ANXIOUS
 WAITING? NO! AND DON'T
 THINK I'M TRYING TO PUT
 YOU INTO ANYTHING. DON'T
 THINK THAT FOR A MOMENT.
 IT'S JUST THAT I AM WITH-
 OUT A PEN TO WRITE WITH,
 AM TIRED OF BORROWING
 ONE, AND HATE TO PAY
 \$25.00 FOR ONE ON BLACK-
 MARKET OVER HERE. SO
 I DECIDED I COULD WAIT
 ANOTHER YEAR, IF NECESSARY,
 BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'RE VERY

WHAT A LET DOWN! NOT ONLY
A 69¢ PEN BUT WITH A
POINT SO WIDE I CAN'T
WRITE WITH IT. SO I WAS
SO DISGUSTED I THREW
IT ON THE GROUND AND
STEPPED ON IT, BREAKING
IT. SO ONCE AGAIN MY
FAMILY LETS ME DOWN ON
MY REQUESTS BUT THAT'S
O.K., YOU PROBABLY DON'T
NEED ONE SO DON'T
BOOTHER!

Handwritten signature

Sgt. H. C. BANK, 208 6657
Co. M, 167 TH INF, APO 7
C/O P.M., S.F., CALIF.



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Miss Lottie Bank
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TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.



16 MAR 45
N.E.I.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

TO-DAY I RECEIVED YOUR VERY
LONG LETTER DATED MARCH 14, WITH
DADDY'S POEM, DR. LANG'S LETTER,
AND BERT'S CLIPPING.

EVERYBODY IN MY TENT
SEEMS TO BE NUTS TONIGHT,
SINGING, LAUGHING, AND WIT

GALORE, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING
ALL DAY GETTING READY FOR
THE INSPECTION TOMORROW.

THE SUN DIDN'T STOP
SHINING YESTERDAY AND
TO-DAY, SO I WAS NED A LOT
OF CLOTHES. SO AT ABOUT

4 PM IT STARTED TO RAIN,

WITH THE SUN STILL SHINING.

SO MY CLOTHES ARE NOW

HANGING OUT IN THE RAIN,

AT 8 PM.

NOW ABOUT SOME FILMS

AND MY CAMERA I ASKED FOR
6 MONTHS AGO? NOW ABOUT
A COPY OF AUNT MINNIE'S
POEM AND SOLIER'S WRITE-UP
ABOUT BERT SCHWARTZ.
I HAVEN'T SEEN THE
PICTURES ARNOLD TOOK. SEND
ME A COPY.

MAV. LOGAN TOLD BERT
MY ADDRESS WHEN HE WAS
FREED, AND HE WROTE ME.
THAT SURE WAS A NICE
LETTER FROM DR. LANG. RIGHT?
I GAVE ME SOME

LETTER FROM V.H.
PLEASE SEND ME SOME
FOOD, BE GOOD WRITE
SOON.

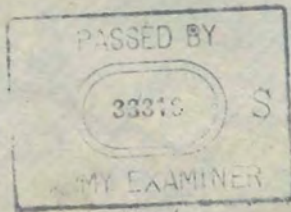
Love,
Harold

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Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.



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18 Mar 45
N.E.I.

Dearest Lottie:

~~hixxxend~~ Well, today is Sunday, and I haven't done anything all day but read and try to sleep. It has been sprinkling all morning. We just had dinner, and it wasn't so hot, but I was hungry, and ate a good bitt. I didn't get any mail at all yesterday, so went to a show last night. Saw a double feature, "Brazil", pretty good, and "Strawberry Blond", an old but very good show, with James Cagney and Olivia de Haviland, who is wonderful. Right? That is the first show I have seen in over $2\frac{1}{2}$ weeks.

There is nothing new here, except we just drew a brand new Remington, silent, a little, portable typewriter, and it writes wonderful. It is the best since the large Remington that we lost a few months ago. I love it, and plan to do a lot of writing on it.

You wrote the last letter I received on March 7th, and I thought for sure that Bert would be ~~in~~ S.F. at least by the 6th. But I guess he is already home by now. Right?

Lottie, please go to Allen & Jemison and get them to order a dozen generators for a Coleman lantern. Daddy don't seem interested, as he hasn't even mentioned it in a letter. I know they can order them.

We had our big inspection yesterday, and while it was going on we all went on a 7 mile hike from 8:30 AM to 11:50 AM. It was hot, and I am not in such good condition now, so it really hurt me, and was I tired all afternoon and night. I laid down at noon and didn't get up till supper. Then I bathed and went to the show, which is only 2 blocks away.

Might go up to see Arnold this afternoon and go to a show with him. I don't know yet.

That is all for now so be good, and write soon.

L ove,

Rosie

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Co. M, 165 TH INF, APO-31,
C/O P. M., S.F., CALIF



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MISS LOTTIE BANK
3018-5 TH ST.

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U.S.A.

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EXAMINER

22 MAR. 45
N.E.T.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER YESTERDAY DATED MAR.
10. SURE GLAD BERT IS IN NORTHINGTON. BET
HE'LL BE HOME ALL OF THE TIME.
WENT OUT ON AN OVERNIGHT PROBLEM LAST
NIGHT, AND WALKED BACK 18 MILES TO-DAY. SURE WAS
A ROUGH DEAL. I'M REALLY TIRED TO-NIGHT.

I GOT A BOX, MAILED IN SEPT, AND 6
OR 7 PAPERS TO-DAY. THE NUTS, RAISINS, AND
CANDY WAS MASHED. COULDN'T EAT THEM. DON'T
PUT ANYTHING BUT CANNED STUFF IN A SHOE
BOX. IT'S NOT STRONG ENOUGH.

MY SORES CAME OUT AGAIN ON MY
SHOULDER & BACK, AND WORST OF ALL THIS TIME.
I THINK I'LL GO TO THE HOSPITAL TO-MORROW.
DR. PARKER (NOT) SAYS THAT'S THE ONLY WAY
TO CURE THEM.

BERT DIDN'T TELL ME TO WRITE YOU WHEN
HE WOULD ARRIVE. BUT I DID TELL YOU HE
WOULD ARRIVE THERE ABOUT MAR. 5TH. LOOK BACK
AT MY LETTERS AND YOU'LL SEE. RIGHT? NO,
I DIDN'T KNOW ENE MARRIED A CATHOLIC!

IT STILL RAINS EVERY DAY, & I MEAN RAINS.
WE'RE WORKING HARD NOW, HAVEN'T SEEN
ARNOLD IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS, BUT WILL
TO-MORROW IF I GO TO THE HOSPITAL HE'LL
IN. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD.

LOVE,

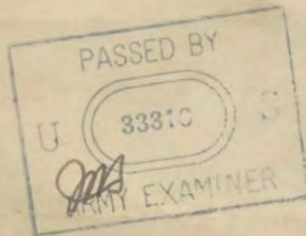
Harold

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S.F., Calif.



VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.



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3 Apr 45
N.E.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, no mail today, and I don't have much to say. I was an umpire on a patrol today, and had to make another speech at the end of the patrol, criticizing the work of the men. It is hot as the devil, and so dusty I was all dust when I got back. I washed some clothes when I got back this afternoon. I spent the morning seeing a demonstration, and had to sit in the hot sun, and boy, did I sweat.

If you want to send me some gefilte fish, you can get it at U.S. Conserve Co., 6327 Theodosia Ave., St. Louis, Mo. The cost is \$1.20 for 6 small cans or 3 large cans, plus postage. So how's about it? Got a letter from a girl I used to date in Texas, a SDC at the University of Texas, and she is getting married, as per everyone else. Who's going to Miami with Bert, Mother and Daddy, or Mother and Lottie? Huh? Whatever happens, I want Mother to go and I think Daddy ought to go too. Lottie has done enough traveling lately. Right? I want anysize film, either 116, 120, 620, or something similar, but NO 35mm. Right?

No, Daddy, I agree, you can't find good fountain pens now, that is, if you sit on your tuckus and don't go out and look for them. Boys here in the company get new pens, and expensive ones every week. I sent you the address of the pen I wanted, but did you send for it? No. You sent me a 69¢ pen. Right?

No, I agree, I wouldn't have gone through that stuff that Bert went through for anything in the world. I guarantee you I would have been in the first escape party that left. Right?

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon.

How about some more light weight enveloppes WITH a stamp on each.
Love,

Harold

29. H. L. BANK, 24663A
20. M. 167TH INF, APO 31,
10 P.M., S.F., CALIF.



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MEDICAL LOTTIE BANK
5TH ST.
MOBILE, ALA.
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EXAMINER

5 APR 45

N.E.I.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

FIRST, MAZALTOF ON YOUR
CELEBRATION OF YOUR 24TH BIRTH-
DAY TO-DAY. IT SEEMS THAT BERT
ARRANGED TO COME HOME JUST
IN TIME FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY
AND THE SEDER. RIGHT?

LOTTIE, AFTER OVER 3¹/₂ YEARS
MY 45¢ TOBACCO POUCH WORE
OUT. PLEASE SEND ME A NICE
LEATHER POUCH WITH A ZIPPER
THAT WILL HOLD A PIPE AND
TOBACCO. RIGHT?

GOT 3 LETTERS U-MAIL,
FROM YOU AND DADDY TO-DAY,
DATED MAR 13, 1945. ALSO
GOT A LETTER FROM ROSALIE.
SHE SAID TO GIVE BERT HER
BEST REGARDS. SO WILL YA? HER
HUSBAND IS IN INDIA.

IT'S HOT AS THE .

DINE THEY CALL ON ME. SO I'LL HELP
THEM OUT. BOY, IT SURE WAS HOT TO-
DAY, AND I HAD TO KEEP MY SHIRT
ON ALL DAY.

I JUST RECEIVED 3 LETTERS FROM
YOU DATED MARCH 27TH AND 28TH, WITH
THE RIBBONS AND CLIPPINGS. IT LOOKS
LIKE BERT IS JUST GOING TO KEEP
PUTTING OFF WRITING THAT BOOK. HE
OUGHT TO START ON IT IMMEDIATELY.

RIGHT?

Got 2 LETTERS FROM MANUEL
AND 1 FROM JOE CAMERON, WHO I SAW
WHEN I WENT TO SEE BERT IN
N.B. HE WAS ON HIS WAY HOME,
AND WENT IN TO SEE MANUEL.
SURE ENJOYED THE CLIPPINGS.
WRITE SOON.

LOVE,

Harold

P.S. THE BOYS ARE CRAZY ABOUT
THE RIBBONS. PLEASE SEND ME
3 DOZ. MORE IMMEDIATELY. IF
YOU HAVE THE ARROW, INCLUDE IT.
DON'T FORGET, PRE-PEARL HARBOR,
ASIATIC-PACIFIC WITH 2 STARS, AND GOOD
CONDUCT MEDAL. R.B. "LOVER"

DEVIL, AND I WORKED ALL
MORNING, AND TOOK TWO SHOTS.
IT MADE ME SICK AND MY
ARM SORE, SO I STAYED IN
BED ALL AFTER NOON. FEEL
O.K. NOW, AND I'M GOING TO
A SHOW.

IT IS NOW 11:10 P.M. AND I
JUST GOT BACK. I SAW DUBARRY
WAS A LADY AND LARCENY, INC.
BOTH WERE PRETTY GOOD.
BE GOOD & WRITE SOON. RIGHT
NOW I'M EATING A BIGHAM-
BURGER, AND IS IT GOOD?

LOVE,

Harold

GARRY'S
P.S. I DIDN'T MAIL THIS TO-DAY,
AS I FORGOT IT! I'M WORKING AT
BN. HQ. NOW, STARTING TO-DAY, DOING
SOME TYPING. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG
IT WILL LAST. SEEMS THAT EVERY
TIME THEY WANT SOME GOOD WORK

P.S.S. TIM GOING TO SEE "A TREE
GROWS IN BROOKLYN" TONIGHT

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Sgt. G. L. BANK, 2046637
Co. M, 167 TH INF, APO 34,
40 P.M., S.F., CALIF.



AIRMAIL

MISS LOTTIE BANK
3018 5TH ST.
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.



9 APR 5
N.E.T. : 777

DEAREST LITTLE:
I BELIEVE
IN THE LAST BOX
THERE WAS A RAWOODIE PIPE IN A
LITTLE BLUE BAG. PLEASE SEND IT
TO THE FACTORY AND TELL THEM
TO FIX AND SEND IT TO ME.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY BERT
HASN'T WRITTEN ME BUT ONCE IN
THE TIME HE HAS BEEN HOME.
WHAT'S THE MATTER? TOO BUSY!

I THINK HE MADE ONE OF THE
BIGGEST MISTAKES OF HIS LIFE
IN GIVING ALL OF THAT INFOR-
MATION TO BRUCE SHELTON
FREE, WHEN HE COULD HAVE SOLD
IT! RIGHT? JUST FRIENDSHIP!

I RECEIVED TWO LETTERS
FROM YOU YESTERDAY, DATED MARCH
29TH AND 30TH. WE'RE SURE GETTING
GOOD MAIL SERVICE NOW.

WE SAW A SORRY SHOW LAST
NIGHT, "CLAUDIA," AND IT'S TERRIBLE.

Bert:

Just a note to tell you that I am going to see that all soldier stage show tomorrow night that you and I saw on the dock in N.G. Remember that big, fat top-kick that we talked to after the show; the one that had a 17 piece band in N.Y. in civilian life? Well, I am going up and talk to him again, and tell him you are home now.

Chuck

WE'RE GOING TO THE NAVY TO-NIGHT! DON'T KNOW WHAT'S ON!

I RECEIVED THE FIRST AND THIRD ISSUE OF BERT'S STORY, BUT I NEVER GOT THE SECOND. EVEN IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SENT THE SECOND, PLEASE SEND ANOTHER. O.K.?

IT'S HOT AS THE DEVIL TO-DAY, AND I HAVE DONE NOTHING ALL DAY EXCEPT PLAY CHECKERS AND READ.

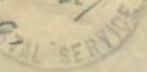
GOT ANOTHER LETTER FROM HARRY BERMAN. HE SEEMS TO BE LIVING A GOOD LIFE IN THE ORIENT.

THE MAIL JUST CAME IN, AND I GOT A LONG LETTER FROM EVELYN, A U-MAIL FROM EMANUEL, AND 2 OLD U-MAILS FROM DADDY.

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON.
LOVE,

Randy

Sgt. H.C. Bane 20826637
Co. M, 167 T.H. Co., APO 34
C/O P. M. C.F., CALIF.



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3018 - 5 T.H. St.
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
U.S.A.



7 MAY X'S
P.T.

DEAREST LOTTIE;
NO MAIL TO-DAY. I WAS UP
LATE LAST NIGHT, AND SLEPT
TILL 1 P.M. TO-DAY. YESTER DAY
I RECEIVED THE BOX WITH THE
PIPE, TUNA FISH, AND CANNED

GOODS. PLEASE SEND MORE FOOD.

WE'VE BEEN BUSY

HERE LATELY. I RECEIVED A
LETTER THIS AFTERNOON FOR
THE FIRST TIME. I LIKE THE
PIPE A LOT.

WE HAD OUR FIRST SHOW
HERE LAST NIGHT IN THIS
AREA, BUT I DIDN'T GO. DON'T
THINK I'LL GO TO-NIGHT EITHER.
I LIKE MY SLEEP TOO WELL.

PAKE HAS A LITTLE
MONKEY 2 MONTHS OLD, AND

IT SURE IS CUTE. I'M SURE
TRYING TO GET ONE. SOME
OF THE NATIVES EAT THEM.

BE GOOD AND WRITE
SOON!

LOVE,
Larold



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C.M., 167TH INF., A.P.O. 31,
41 P.M., S.F., CALIF.



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MISS LOTTIE BANK
3018- 5TH ST.
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

AIR MAIL

HAND CANCEL



19 MARX'S
N.E.T.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:
TO-DAY I RECEIVED LOTTIE'S
LETTER DATED MAR. 9TH & TWO
OF YOURS DATED MAR. 1, & FEB. 27.
I IMAGINE IT REALLY WAS A
THRILL TO TALK TO BERT WHO'S
COMING FROM CHICAGO? AUNT
STELLA OR AUNT ROSE? BE
SURE AND SEND ME ALL OF
THE PICTURES YOU TAKE OF
BERT.

WENT TO A SHOW LAST
NIGHT, AND SAW "KEY TO THE
KINGDOM"? O.K. I'LL SEE "HOLLY-
WOOD CANTEN" TO-NIGHT.

I'M SENDING LOTTIE A PIN
IN THIS LETTER, HOPE SHE LIKES
IT. BE GOOD & WRITE SOON. GOT MY FIRST
CAMPAIGN BRONZE STAR TO-DAY, FOR
THE N.C. CAMPAIGN.
Love,
Harold

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Well, I didn't feel good tonight, so I decided not to go to the show. I have a few letters to write so, this is a good time, as this new typewriter is not in use. Right?

Went on a little hike this morning, and did some ~~XXXXXX~~ training. It wasn't hard, just hot as the devil, and rained all morning. We were off this afternoon and RAINED most of the morning. So I took it easy, read, played and won a few games of checkers, and slept a little. Boy, I am getting so good, no one can give me any competition. There is only one boy in the Company that can beat me, and I haven't played him in about 7 months. I played the boy that was a champion in Australia, an Australian, yesterday, and we tied two to two games. He was really good. I thought for sure that Bert would get a double promotion, instead of just a little old beat up Majority. Right? On the boat I told him and the other officers that they would take them to Washington to question them, and they all said no. And you see that I was right.

Please send me the one piece long ribbon with the good conduct ribbon pre-Pearl Harbor, and the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon all in one. Put two bronze stars and a little arrow on the A-P ribbon. The arrow is for spearheading an invasion. Right? I already have the the Combat Infantry Badge. Be sure and send me a copy of the picture Mr. Grimes gave you.

Daddy, please get Bert to write that book as soon as he gets home. He has a lot of notes, and can get someone to help him out at the University. If he puts it off, he will never do it. He can sell the book, and make a lot on it. It is a chance of a lifetime. Right? When are you going to get the mattress in Mother's room fixed??? Huh?

"OVER"

Karold

P.S. Daddy, I think you ought to buy the Temerson home. I believe Mose would let you have it pretty reasonable, and it will make a nice home for us to live in after the war. How about it? Huh? Let me know! And you can always rent it you know! Please buy it!

H. B.

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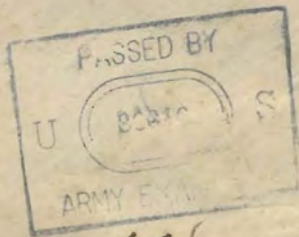
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 University. If he puts it off, he will never
 and can get someone to help him out at the
 as soon as he gets home. He has a lot of notes,
 Daddy. Please get Bert to write that book

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28 MAY 45

DEAREST LOTTIE:

I RECEIVED ONLY ONE LETTER FROM YOU IN SOME TIME, SO I GUESS YOU'RE STILL TRAVELING AROUND, RIGHT? DID YOU HAVE AN ICE TIME IN MONTGOMERY? WHO IS THE BOY YOU MET THERE THAT WAS IN THE DIVISION? MAYBE I KNOW HIM!

WE'RE STILL ON TOP OF THIS MOUNTAIN, WAITING FOR OUR NEXT ORDERS TO MOVE FORWARD. IT SHOULD BE SOON. IT'S HOT AS THE DEVIL AND THE FLIES AND INSECTS DRIVE ME NUTS. I'M LAYING IN MY TENT IN MY SHORTS, AND THERE ARE MANY CARD GAMES ALL AROUND ME.

I GOT THE ALUMNI NEWS AND SURE DO ENJOY IT. KEEP SENDING IT TO ME! ALL THE BOYS READ IT!

THERE IS SO LITTLE HAPPENING HERE

NOW, THAT I CAN'T FIND ANYTHING TO WRITE ABOUT.

WE HAVE BEEN HAVING HOT MEALS LATELY, FOR THE PAST 3 DAYS, AND IT'S WONDERFUL. I WATCHED THE MONKEYS PLAY TO-DAY, AND THEY SURE ARE CUTE. I AM TRYING TO GET ONE.

WHAT ABOUT MY CAMERA? YOU NEVER MENTION IT! I NEED IT!

IT'S NOW 2:30 P.M. AND STARTING IT'S AFTERNOON RAIN, A LITTLE EARLY.

WHAT DID BERT DECIDE TO DO ABOUT THAT BOND TOUR? IS HE GOING? DID HE HEAR ANYTHING FROM HIS BOSS?

I JUST BORROWED JAN. ONNIBOOK, AND READ "PASTORAL". IT'S O.K.!

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

Love,

Harold

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD!

H.

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11 Aug 45
P.T.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

JUST AS I WROTE YOUR NAME THE C.O.
BROUGHT ME A LETTER FROM YOU DATED AUG.
2ND AND ONE FROM DADDY DATED JULY 30TH.

IT'S NOW 9PM, AND I JUST GOT BACK FROM
THE BEST USO SHOWS I HAVE SEEN OVER HERE.
THERE WERE 3 BEAUTIFUL GIRLS, AND 3 MEN
WHO WERE DARN GOOD. I'M GLAD I DIDN'T
STAY FOR THE PICTURE, "ARE HUSBANDS NECESSARY?"
BECAUSE IT'S RAINING OUTSIDE HARD NOW.

DADDY SAID HE TOOK HIS MOTHER TO
WEST SIDE OF CHICAGO TO SEE SOME OF HIS
MUSKIEVITZ. I'LL BET HE REALLY SHOT THE
BULL AND DRANK WINE AND ATE CAKE. I WENT
DOWN IN THE SLUMS OF CHICAGO WITH HIM
ONCE TO SEE HIS COUSIN. HIS HOME SMELLED
LIKE A GOAT PIN, AND, UH, WHAT SONORAS!
DADDY'S FOLKS, HUH? RIGHT? I'M SURE GLAD

HE GOT TO SEE BOBBY AND LEONARD.

WE HAD OUR USUAL SATURDAY MORNING
LAYOUT AND GUN INSPECTION THIS MORNING.
NOBODY HAD ANY SPIRIT TODAY, BECAUSE
ALL OF THE TALK WAS ABOUT JAPAN THROW-
ING IN THE TOWEL. AFTER DINNER I TOOK

A NAP TILL 3:30 PM, BECAUSE I HAD A STOMACH
ACHE. BUT IT'S O.K. NOW. THEN I WENT DOWN
TO THE BALL GAME, WHICH WE WON 3-2. IT WAS
AN EXCITING GAME. "L" COMPANY HAD A MAN ON
3RD BASE WHEN THE GAME ENDED.

RIGHT NOW WE'RE ALL SWEATING OUT
RETURNING HOME. WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER
WE WILL BE OCCUPATIONAL TROOPS OR NOT.
I SURE HOPE NOT, BECAUSE ALL I WANT
IS TO GO HOME.

BOY, IT'S REALLY RAINING OUT NOW.
WE HAD BAKED CHICKEN FOR DINNER AND
IT SURE WAS GOOD. I GOT TWO HUGH DRUM-
STICKS.

I JUST HAD MY MIDNIGHT SNACK, A
CAN OF SARDINES, BREAD, AND SOME OF THAT
GOOD MARY BALL CANDY.

BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON. I NOW
HAVE A CAMERA. IT'S FILM SIZE 120. SEND
ME ALL THE FILM YOU CAN, AND SEND IT
IN A SMALL PACKAGE, AIRMAIL AND FIRST
CLASS MAIL. UNDERSTAND? YOU CAN GET SOME
AT MAIL PHOTO SERVICE, BOX NO. 1, PRINCETON, IND.
SO DO IT RIGHT AWAY!

LOVE, David

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD!
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DEAREST LOTHE:

TO-DAY IS SUNDAY, AND
A DAY ~~OF~~ REST. I PLAYED
A SOFT BALL GAME THIS
MORNING. WE WON 8-4, AND

I HIT 2 FOR 2.

LAST NIGHT I WENT
DOWN TO THE VILLAGE TO
A DANCE. I DIDN'T DANCE,
HOWEVER, I DIDN'T DANCE

BECAUSE IT WAS TOO CROWDED.
THEY HAD SOME STRING IN-
STRUMENTS IN THE BAND.

I GOT HOME AT 9 P.M.

TO-MORROW WE MOVE UP
TO BUGO, NEAR THE BEACH,
TO PROCESS JAPS. I DON'T
KNOW HOW LONG WE WILL BE

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW. BE

AND WRITE SOON!
TO DO IT
A DAY
GAVE THIS
AND

PLEASE SEND ME SOME
FOOD AND 48A FILMS.

TO THE VILLAGE
DON'T SEND THAT RED CHEESE,
SEND KRAUT.

THEY HAD SOME STUFF IN
I GOT TIME AT 4 PM.

TO MORROW WE MOVE UP
TO BOB! NEAR THE BRIDGE
TO PROCEED 7 AM. I DON'T
KNOW HOW LONG WE WILL BE

THERE, BE CAUSE WE MOVE
OFTEN.

IT RAINED A LITTLE
LAST NIGHT AND THE MUD
IS THICK TO-DAY.

THE POINTS STILL HAVEN'T
BEEN LOWERED, SO I DON'T
KNOW HOW LONG I'LL BE
OVER. HERE, THIS MORNING
THE LAST 4 BOYS WITH
OVER 85 POINTS LEFT FOR
HOME. THERE ARE ONLY
ABOUT 15 WITH MORE
POINTS THAN I NOW
HAVE IN "M" COMPANY.
~~SEND~~ I RECEIVED 3

BOXES YESTERDAY, AND SEND
ME SOME MORE CLOTH, WRAPPED
ALONE, NOT WITH FOOD, IN A
SMALL PACKAGE, BY FIRST CLASS
MAIL.

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 U.S.A.



16 Aug 45
P.H.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

WELL, NO MAIL AGAIN TO-DAY. BUT THE ARMISTICE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SIGNED TO-DAY IN MANNA, SO THAT'S ALL THE NEWS I WANT TO KNOW! RIGHT?

TODAY I PUT UP A MOSQUITO BAR, THEN LOAFED THE REST OF THE AFTERNOON. THERE WAS A NICE BREEZE ALL AFTERNOON.

I WENT DOWN TO THE CREEK TO BATHE, AND IT'S THE NICEST CREEK YOU EVER SAW. THE NATIVES BUILT A RAFT TO STAND ON, AND THE WATER IS DEEP ENOUGH TO SWIM IN!

I'VE BEEN HAVING TROUBLE WITH MY EARS LATELY, AND THE DOCTOR KEEPS PENICILIN IN ~~IT~~ ALL THE TIME. I HOPE THEY DON'T GET ANY WORSE. IT'S FUNGUS IN IT!

WE'RE BUILDING A NICE SHOWER, AND IT SHOULD BE READY TO-MORROW.

NOW THAT ALL HOSTILITIES HAVE

CEASED, I CAN'T WAIT TO GET HOME. I
JUST HOPE THEY LOWER THE POINTS, TO AT
LEAST 75, SO I CAN GET OUT OF HERE,
AND ON THE WAY HOME.

DADDY SAID BERT HAD BEEN TRANS-
FERRED TO HARTFORD, CONN. HE HADN'T
TOLD ME SO, AND I'M STILL WRITING TO
THE SAME ADDRESS.

I JUST GOT A LETTER FROM YOU,
DATED AUGUST 3RD. I DON'T REMEMBER
HELLER, BUT I DO HIS WIFE, CASHIER
AT BROWN'S. THAT'S WHAT DADDY
GETS BEING OVERCHARGED, BY GIVING A
LONSMAN A BREAK HE SHOULD USE
HIS SAME LAWYER. RIGHT?

YES, I RECEIVED THE CARDS, PEN,
AND MONEY ORDER.

BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

LOVE
Karolel

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD AND
NO. 120 FILM!

Karolel

Sgt. H. L. D. HAN, 20416637
CARGO CONTROL, APO 31,
40 PM, S.F., CALIF.



AIRMAIL

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
ARMY STORE,

BLUE ENVELOPE TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
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31 Aug 45

Dearest Mother &Daddy:

No mail as usual today, and it is still hot as the devil. A Filipino Major just came in and I talked to him. He used to work around the prison camp around Davao where Bert stayed on his wonderful vacation of 2 years. He is a Doctor, but didn't know Bert, as I mentioned his name to him.

We are getting paid this afternoon, so I will be rich once again with my 21 pesos ^{That} is equal to the great amount of \$10.50. Some gelt, huh?

There are a few boats in today, but little work on my side of the ledger. They are loading and unloading. It sure is hot work for those boys to get down in the holds and do manual labor.

I read last night about the investigation of the Pearl Harbor atrocity by the Congressional committee. They put Gen. Marshall in the blame as much as Admiral Stark and Gen. Kimmel. But yet Pres. Truman defended him. That is the worst thing I ever heard of. The committee finds who is guilty, and because of his high rank he is defended by the President. I think he should be tried as much as any other war criminal. Right?

I sure wish Gen. MacArthur would give the word so the points will be lowered to 80, and we can have a recount. I will have 86 points, and am already about to pack up to leave.

I saw a sorry show last night, Rough, Tough, and Ready, with Chester Morris and Daddy's old favorite, Victor MacLagen. It was his worst picture ever.

There is a nice breeze coming in from the ocean now, and it sure does feel good. It hasn't rained in a couple or more days, and the dust is terrific. We are having services here Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, so I guess Nat and I will probably go Saturday afternoon at 4 PM. It has been a long time since I have been to services. I finally managed to buy 3 packages of pipe tobacco, and was I glad to get it. It don't look like we are going to be able to buy that stuff anymore. Tomorrow we are supposed to get a cigarette and beer ration, and it is also Bert's 31st birthday. Don't time pass. It seems like yesterday that he was born! Right?

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

Harold

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5 Sept 45
Mindanao, P.I.

Dearest Lottie:

Well, no mail today, as usual. It looks like it is going to rain. I got caught in the mess hall during a blowing rain today. The PX opened again yesterday after being closed a week. I stocked up on eats.

My room-mate left today, so I have the tent to myself and George. I might move up with Reinfeld. We had a show last night, but I saw it on the boat with Bert in Hollandia. It was Charles Boyer and Irene Dunn in "Together Again".

There wasn't much to do today, except work an hour or so this afternoon on my report. My orders came through today for me to stay up here on Detached Service. I sure am glad, for I sure don't want to go down to Davao. I know a good deal when I see one. Right? I guess I will be here until I get orders to go home.

I got a haircut from a Filipino in the office here today, and he worked on me an hour, giving me a darn good haircut. He seemed to know his stuff.

We haven't had any news in 2 days now, so don't know what is going on these days. I just hope to be leaving here in a very few weeks. I guess I won't get to see California, as they are sending the men straight to the Separation Centers, which will be Camp Shelby in my case. Boy, will I be glad to see that place again, even if it is only for a couple of more days.

All is quiet on the Western front these days. What is the news around home. Have any of the boys come home discharged yet? I bet they will be coming in soon. But there will be very few with more points than I have. Right?

Lottie, do you stay around at the leather shop now, or do you stay in the store? Who stays in the shop, just the men working there? Or does Daddy spend a lot of time there. Don't send me any more food. Just send a few other little things that I have asked for by first class mail or airmail. Right?

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

Samuel

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16 Oct 45
Davao, P.I.

Dearest Lottie:

Well, today I was drafted. The Sergeant Major, a Technical Sergeant, is leaving for home tomorrow on points, and he called me and asked me if I wanted his job as Battalion Sgt. Major, a clerk's job, and a darn good one. I said no. Well, I was told I didn't have any choice in the matter, and went to work at Battalion. I didn't want to take it because I can't get a promotion now because they are frozen in the Division. But I got it, and will have to do my best. They wouldn't give it to me when I could have gotten a promotion. That is what burns me up.

I finished my story today, and it sure was a job typing the 20 single spaced pages. I went to the show tonight. I saw "Salome Where She Danced", but had seen it before, and "Crime Doctor's Courage". Warner Baxter played in that.

It is hot as the devil today, and rained just before supper. We are having ice cold drinks twice a day now. Our mess sergeant is on the ball, while the other companies don't have them.

We didn't get any mail today, but will continue to get mail until we get on the ship. An order just came down transferring all of the men in the Regiment under 600 points to other outfits. Tomorrow we get some new men from other outfits that have over 60 points. I sure am proud of my 85 points, and would not trade a point for anything.

Lottie, as soon as you get this letter send \$2.50 to O.C. McDavid, Box 71, Columbus, Miss., and ask him for that 31st Division picture album. Do it right away. It is supposed to be a nice thing, with 100 pictures taken over here.

Today is the 16th, and it shouldn't be long before our boats come in and we start loading. I believe we will leave here and meet the Divisional convoy at Bugo, and start for the States about the first of November, if not a few days earlier. When I got here 5 days ago the harbor was full of ships, 15 of the. Then the 24th Division left, and now the harbor is empty. I want to see it full again. Right?

Believe it or not, I got a October 1st Time magazine today, and read a great part of it this afternoon. I got so mad this afternoon when I was typing that 20 pages of my story. I made 4 copies and when I finished the last page I noticed I had put one sheet of carbon in backwards, and had to type it all over. Don't that make you mad? It's ten thirty five PM now, so guess I have to get to bed. I have to go to work at 7 AM in the morning. I will probably be through with my work about noon, and off in the afternoon. I am going to Davao tomorrow night to see what it is all about. Be good and write soon.

Love,

Handwritten signature

BY AIR MAIL

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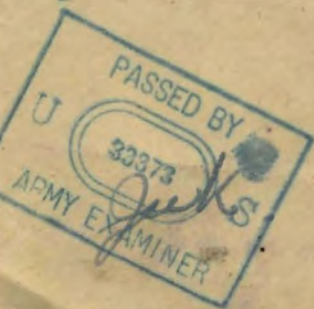
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16 Jan 45

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Today I received 7 letters from you dated from Dec. 12 to Jan. 3/45. I got the picture pasted on the back of the paper that showed Daddy bowling. It looked just like me or Daddy either one. Didn't it?

Today I worked all day with the supplies, and went down to the company twice to issue clothing and get some papers signed. This morning I drew ~~some~~ some clothing. I sure like the work, but it looks like it won't last long after all of this new stuff is issued. I will sure hate to leave a good job like this.

Sure was sorry to hear that Harry Stein died. I thought that he stopped working a few years ago. When did he go back to work? Euh? How is your blood pressure now? Normal?

Did Lottie call Dr. Einstein to find out how much a hair or \$11.98 was for the bridle? We sure have a mathematical family, don't we?

I wouldn't have minded giving Celsius many cigarettes, because they are issued to us over here, and you can't even buy any, but we didn't have any issued for about a month at hae time.

How about sending the clipping from the Tuscaloosa News about me? Don't you think that I might like to see it too. About 50 boys from all over the States have received one like it from their folks. My name is sure going around the headlines, isn't it? The War correspondent with our division sent it to the Associated Press, and they distributed it all over the country.

If you can't get the radio, howabout getting me just a little speaker from an old radio at the radio shop, and sending it to me. I can hook it up to some one else's radio. That won't weight but a few ounces. Right? I am still waiting for the camera you weresupposed to send to me. Did you ever send the money to Eastman that I told you about? If now, do it right away. I need a camera, so get on the ball, and send a lot of films also. Right? I put \$50.00 extra in the Soldier's Deposit today. It is money that I collected on back loans. I think you ought to take some sitting up exercise for your back. You are getting the wrong kind of exercise in the store, and need some other kind of exercise. How about trying it? O.K.?

Got a letter from Eve Hoffman and it seems that your sister sold her harp, and she didn't like, so she is now living with her older brother, Abe.

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

Harold

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MR & MRS. SAM BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
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N.E.H.

20 JAN 45

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

TO-DAY I RECEIVED THE LETTER
YOU SENT ME THAT YOU GOT FROM
THE LT. THAT KNEW BERT. SURE
HAD SOME GOOD NEWS IN IT.

I BELIEVE, IF BERT REALLY IS
NOW IN JAPAN, THAT HE WILL
GET MUCH BETTER TREATMENT,
BETTER FOOD, AND MUCH BETTER
MEDICAL ATTENTION. THEY HAVE
MUCH BETTER FACILITIES THERE
THAN ON THE PHILIPPINES. RIGHT?

YOUR SON WAS APPOINTED
HEADQUARTERS PLATOON SGT.
TO-DAY, WITH 32 MEN UNDER
HIM. MAZALTOFF!! THAT IS IN
ADDITION TO MY OTHER DUTIES
AS RECONNAISSANCE SERGEANT.
IT'S A BIG RESPONSIBILITY
AND A LOT OF WORK. I HAVE .

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-3-
SOME "C" RATION BISCUITS, JAM,
AND A CAN OF PEANUTS
(NO ROOT-BEER, THOUGH) WE
HAD A BIT OF BAGOOSE EATS.
RIGHT?

TO-MORROW WE MOVED TO
A NEW AREA, NEAR HERE,
THAT MEANS ALL OF THAT I
BUILDING UP AGAIN, TENT
FRAMES, RIL-BOXES, ETC. ALL

I REALLY ENJOYED IT
ON THE RADIO DEAL. MY TENT
DON'T HAVE A RADIO, WHO I RAN
A WIRE, HOOKED TO THE RADIO,
TO MY TENT, BUT I HAVE
ON IT, AND NOW I CAN LAY
IN BED AND LISTEN TO THE
MUSIC AND NEWS. JUST
HEARD MAC ARTHUR MADE A
NEW-LANDING ON CEBU. IT
AND I HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO

24
-2-
BEEN WANTING THE JOB SINCE
I LEFT THE STATES, AND
SURE AM HAPPY TO GET IT.
I DIDN'T THINK MY NEW C.O.
LIKED ME, BUT SEEING THAT
HE PICKED ME FOR THE JOB
OVER MANY OTHERS, I GUESS
HE KNOWS I CAN DO THE
JOB. RIGHT. ANYWAY, I AM
GOING TO WORK HARD AND GET
THIS PLATOON ON THE BALL,
AND STAY ON THE BALL.
I'LL HAVE TO BE ON MY
TIES ALL OF THE TIME!

JUST CAME OF GUARD,
8-9 PM. AND HAD A NICE
SNACK. ONE OF THE 4 BOYS
IN MY TENT HAD SOME
GOOD SARDINES, AND WITH

BY AIR MAIL
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N.E.I.
24 JAN 45

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

TO-DAY I GOT 5 LETTERS,
ONE OF THEM FROM YOU, DATED
JAN. 4/45.

I DIDN'T WRITE YESTER-
DAY BECAUSE AFTER WORK,
I BATHED AND SHAVED, THEN
GOT A RIDE UP ABOUT 2
MILES TO SEE ROYAL MOORE
WENT UP WITH ME, WE WENT
TO A SHOW, "MINISTRY TO
FEAR", BUT IT RAINED US
OUT AFTER ABOUT 15 MINUTES
SO WE WENT BACK TO HIS
TENT WHERE WE HAD A
FEW DRINKS, A PIE, CAKE,
EGGS, AND ~~SAUSAGE~~ SAUSAGE.
WE SHOT THE BULL AND
CAME HOME AT 11 P.M. &
SURE ENJOYED THE EVENING.
I AM IN REGARD TO THE

13
HOME YET? HE'S ON HIS WAY.
I DIDN'T HEAR THE
NEW YEAR'S GAMES. I WAS
STUCK IN THE MOUNTAINS
THAT DAY. SURE HATED THAT
WE LOST. I HATE IT.
PLEASE SEND ALL
OF YOUR LETTERS AIRMAIL. I GOT
AN AIRMAIL TO DAY DATED JAN.
12. I SEE HOW MUCH FASTER
THEY ARE.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO
ABOUT CHESTER GOLDSTEIN?
I DON'T BELIEVE I'D TAKE
HIM UP ON IT, UNLESS HE
DECIDES TO GO INTO THE
BUSINESS HIMSELF. I WOULDN'T
LET HIM GO INTO IT WITH-
OUT YOU! RIGHT? CAN YOU GET
A GOOD ENOUGH PRICE FOR
THE ARMY STORE NOW?
I CAN'T GET ANY MORE

2
PIPES I ORDERED. PLEASE SEND
THEM TO ME, AS I CAN SELL
THEM AT A NEAT PROFIT.
THEY ARE HARD TO GET
OVER HERE. RIGHT?

CONGRADULATIONS, MOTHER
ON GOING TO A SNOW. I KNEW
YOU COULD DO IT IF YOU TRIED.
RIGHT? KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

FATHER IS O.K. AND
WE'RE SLEEPING IN THE
SAME TENT NOW.

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH
YOUR POKER LATELY? YOU
HAVEN'T TOLD ME OF YOUR
WINNINGS LATELY.

I HAVE REALLY BEEN
WORKING LATELY. IT'S HARD
WORK BUILDING BOMB PROOF
SHELTERS.

MY SORES UNDER MY ARMS
ARE A LOT BETTER, AND ARE DRYING
UP NICE. I'M JUST AARMED
DID HAL ME CALL GEX

SPELLO NOW, BUT IF AND
WHEN I CAN GET SOME MORE
I'LL SEND THEM TO YOU

I GOT THE CLIPPINGS
AND LETTER FROM THAT LBY
AND HE SURE WRITES A
NICE LETTER.

DID YOU SEND ME THE
SOLEMAN LANTERN DOUBLE
BURNER GENERATORS?

PLEASE SEND ME SOME
CANNED FOOD, APPLESAUCE,
AND A ROLLS CAKE.

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

LOVE,

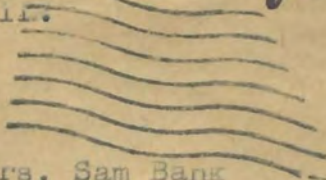
P.S. LET ME KNOW IF THIS
LETTER COMES AIRMAIL?

P.S.S. PLEASE SEND ME A SMALL
CAMERA & FILMS IMMEDIATELY.

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Tuscaloosa, La., U.S.A.



2/9/45

26 Jan 45

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Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I received a letter from you today, and one from Eve Horiman and Mort Rosen also. He is still in Italy.

I am glad you and Lottie are over your colds, and hope you don't have a recurrence. It is now 6:30 PM, and it is drizzling outside.

I spent the day finishing up a bomb-proof shelter, and fixing up my hole a little better, you know, with some homemade modern conveniences.

I was going to a show tonight, but as I was taking a shave and shower after supper, it started to rain. I wouldn't sit in the rain in our open-air shows over here to see the best show ever. Right?

Mort is tired of sitting around Italy, travelling around and seeing the sights, so he volunteered for the Paratroops, and was turned down, because he was a Captain. Now he has volunteered for active duty over here. He is crazy, but don't know it. Just wait till he gets here.

Well, what did you buy in Atlanta when you went up there with Chester? Anything worthwhile?

We have the surrounding area covered with white coral sand, and at night, with the beautiful moon shining, it looks like snow. It is amazing, i.e., the similarity.

Oh, yean, I also got an airmail letter from Lottie today, dated Jan. 15, which is darn good time, only 11 days. Right? Airmail is pretty fast, much faster than V-mail. Right?

If you didn't get the canes, they were probably stolen by the postal clerks, as are many of the things shipped from over here. However, I can't get anymore now, but will if I ever get to the area where I can get them again. O.K.?

Celsius has gone home, as we couldn't keep him with him here. I don't know when and if I will ever see him again. Yes, Don Frost married an SGT from Bamp last year, and is a rather, also Bob Engel.

The much heralded show, To Have or Have Not, is playing tomorrow night, and I will go, if it don't rain.

Since when is Daddy a connoisseur on pipes? He only valued the pipe at half of its true worth, didn't you, Pop? Well, O.K., if you don't think it is worth it, how about picking out me a real nice pipe, and not a cheap one, and sending it to me. Right?

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,
Harold

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Sgt. H. L. BANKARD
C.O.M. 167th INF. A.D. 34
C/O P.M., SIF, CALIF.



VIA AIR MAIL

MR. & MRS. SAMBANK
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U.S.A.



29 JAN 45
N.E.I.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

WELL, NO MAIL TO-DAY, BUT
I GOT TWO YESTERDAY.

IT IS NOW 3:20 P.M., AND
I'M WRITING NOW SO I CAN GO
TO A USO SHOW TO-NIGHT. I

AM BECOMING SOMEWHAT OF A
MOVIE FIEHD, HAVING BEEN IN
THE PAST TWO NIGHTS.

I WENT LAST NIGHT AND

SAW MERLE OBERON AND

FRANCHOT TONE IN "DARK WATERS."

IT WAS PRETTY GOOD.

MY SKIN DISEASE WAS ALL
DRIED UP THE PAST THREE
DAYS, BUT LAST NIGHT IT
BROKE OUT AGAIN. IT LOOKS
LIKE A WATER BLISTER. SO

I HAD THE DOCTOR FIX IT

-3-

ALL OF MY BOYS ARE OUT BUILD-
ING A MECHANIC'S SHOP NOW FOR THE
MOTOR POOL. THEY HAVE TO HAVE
SOME SHADE FROM THE SUN!
RIGHT? EVERY NIGHT ABOUT 6 P.M.
2 OR 3 TRUCKS LEAVE TO TAKE
US TO A SHOW, ABOUT 6 OR 7
MILES AWAY. THEY HAD A LOT
OF EXTRA STUFF ON LAST
NIGHT, INCLUDING THE WORLD'S
SERIES AND MARION HUTTON,
AND WE DIDN'T GET BACK
TILL 11 P.M.

BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON.

LOVE,

~~NAME~~

-2-

UP THIS MORNING. SURE HOPE
IT GOES AWAY SOON, AS IT
IS VERY WORRISOME.

I'M READING A GOOD BOOK
NOW, "OF HUMAN BONDAGE". DO
YOU STILL GET MY BOOKS
EVERY MONTH? HAVE YOU EVER
SENT THEM ANY MONEY?

GOT A LETTER FROM LES
POTTER TODAY. HE'S O.K.!!

IT RAINED A LITTLE THIS
AFTERNOON. IT COOLED OFF
A LITTLE. BOY, THESE SUMMERS
HOT DOWN HERE.

HAD A LITTLE FIRE THIS
MORNING. A BOY WAS BURNING
OUT THE LATRINE AND THE
TENT CAUGHT FIRE AND
BURNED DOWN. SO THEY PUT
UP ANOTHER.

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

52 T. H. L. BANK, 20816637
O. M., 167 TH INF, APR 31,
9:0 P.M., S. F., CALIF.



VIA AIR MAIL

MISS. LOTTIE BANK
3018-5TH ST.

FUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U. S. A.



30 JAN 1915
M.P.E.T.

DEAREST LOTTIE:
NO MAIL FROM YOU TO-DAY,
BUT I DID GET ONE FROM
MARTELLE AND NAOMI.

IT HAS BEEN RAINING
PRACTICALLY ALL DAY, AND
ABOUT ALL I HAVE DONE
IS WRITE A COUPLE OF
LETTERS AND READ. I
FINISHED "OF HUMAN BONDAGE,"
IT'S A WONDERFUL BOOK.
I STARTED NOVEMBER
OMNIBOOK TO-DAY, AND JUST
FINISHED THE FIRST STORY,
WHICH WASN'T SO HOT.

THIS PLACE IS NOTHING
BUT A MUD-HOLE TO-DAY.
WE HAVE TO HAUL A LOT

SOME FOOD.

BE GOOD AND WRITE



LOTTIE, SEND ME A

CAMERA, RYKING RIGHT

AWAY.

LOVE,

Harold

OF CORAL SAND & ROCKS
THIS WEEK.

THERE'S A USO STAGE
SHOW ON THE ISLAND TO-
NIGHT, SO GUESS I'LL GO.
HOPE IT DON'T RAIN IT OUT,
YOU SEE, ALL SHOWS ARE
OUTDOORS, AS THERE NO
BUILDINGS, AND THERE IS
NO SHOW WHEN IT RAINS,

SENT YOU A LARGE
BOX THIS WEEK, PLEASE
SEND THE PIPE TO THE
KAWOODIE PEOPLE TO BE
FIXED, AND RETURN IT TO ME.
BE SURE AND SAVE ALL
OF THE JUNK, AND DON'T
DESTROY ANYTHING.

PLEASE SEND ME

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Sgt. H. L. Bank, 20416637

Co M 167th Inf APO 31 % PM

S.F., Calif.



Free
~~VIA AIR MAIL~~

Soldier's Mail

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.; U.S.A.

2/12/45



31 Jan 45
N.E.I.

Dearest Mom & Pop:

Well, I got a couple of letters from you today, and sure am glad you are all getting about fine. I-w

I wrote you this morning, but don't have anything to do this afternoon, so thought I would write again.

My Aunt Josephine, or Roswell's Robert, on a bicycle yesterday, had a serious bangup. Entirely-excuseable!. No mistake! It sure sounds intriguing, not going in none. Ask Charlie to investigate it on Nationallife. Still, it 'xonerates Dave. Answer "Yes, Sir".

But I guess everything will come out alright in the end. Let me know the outcome. Right?

Sure hope it stops raining a little while this afternoon, as I want to wash some clothes.

Be good, and write soon.

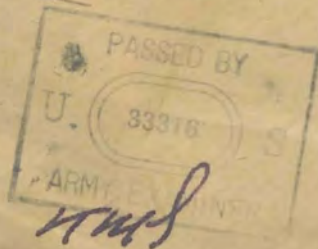
Love,
Harold

BY AIR MAIL
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Sgt. H. L. BANK, 20416637
Co. M, 167 TH INF.
APR. 31, 90 P.M.,
S. F., CALIF.

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~~AIR MAIL~~
~~NPA~~

SOLDIER'S MAIL



MR & MRS SAM BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.

2 FEB 1915

WENT.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY,

I DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY
LETTERS FROM YOU TO-DAY,
BUT I DID GET THE HILL
PAPER YOU SENT. YOU
MAILED IT ON JAN. 19,
PRETTY QUICK, HUH?

GOT ABOUT 10 PAPERS,
AND A PACKAGE FROM
YOU TO-DAY. IT HAD TWO
LARGE CANS OF SARDINES,
AND A CAN OF APPLE-
SAUCE.

BOY, IT'S HOT TO-
NIGHT. I WENT TO A
SHOW LAST NIGHT, AND
IT WAS TERRIBLE. IT
WAS MARTHA O'DRISCOLL
AND NOAH BERRY IN
"HI, BEAUTIFUL". DON'T

WE JUST HEARD THAT
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. IS
LANDING ON LURON TO-
DAY. THEY ARE REALLY
DETERMINED TO TAKE
MARTIN, BUT FAST,

PLAYED CHECKERS
TODAY FOR THE FIRST
TIME IN OVER 12
MONTHS. LOST ONLY 1 GAME
IN A DOZEN OR MORE,
SO I AM IN NO COMPETI-
TION.

IF YOU SEND ME A-
NOTHER SMALL PACKAGE,
LIKE THE FOUNTAIN
PEN, BE SURE IT IS
INSURED AND INSURED.

UNDERSTAND?

- 2 -
THINK I'LL GO TO ANYMORE
SIXES SOON.
I SPENT THE DAY READ-
ING AND GETTING UP
SOME LISTS. I COULDN'T
MENT SHORTAGES FOR
MY PLATOON.

THAT HILLET DRIVE
IS A FINE THING. SURE
HOPE IT GOES THROUGH.
SURE WAS A WISE THING

TO GET PIZITZ TO BE
THE CHAIRMAN. RIGHT?
HOW MUCH ARE YOU GOING
TO GIVE. WONDER HOW
MUCH JULIUS LEVINE
IS GIVING. ABOUT \$1000,
I GUESS. RIGHT?

YESTERDAY I WROTE
YOU ABOUT ROBERT. WELL
I GOT A LETTER TO-DAY
THAT HE DIED. TROUGH
DEAL, NO?

BE GOOD AND WRITE
SOON!
LOVE,

Harold

P.S. JUST HEARD ON THIS NEW
LANDING WE MADE ON LUZON
TO-DAY, THAT THEY CAPTURED

500 AMERICAN P.W. WHO
KNOWS, MAYBE BERT'S AMONG
THEM! RIGHT?

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO
Sgt. H.L. Bank, 20416637

Co M 167th Inf APO 31
S.F., Calif.



VIA AIR MAIL

Soldier's Mail

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.



6 Feb 45
N.E.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, no mail today at all. The mail sure has been coming in slow lately. Are you sure you are still writing me everyday? Sure hope so! Right?

It was hot as the devil all day, and we worked on the area all day long, cleaning and burning brush, trash, and logs. It looks a lot better, but will improve as we put more coral sand on it.

Just heard the Philippine Hour, and MacArthur announced that about 5,000 Prisoners were liberated. I certainly hope that Bert was one of them. He also stated that he would release the names as soon as possible. As soon as they are released, there will be a lot of sad and happy persons in the world. Right?

It is now 7 PM, and it is starting to rain. Guess it will rain all night now. Hasn't rained in about 5 or 6 days.

All of the sores under my arm are not dried up, and sure hope they don't come back. There is too much trouble with them.

You never did say what you did in Atlanta with Chester Goldstein. Did you buy anything. I think you ought to attend the auctions and buy a lot of stuff. The Government puts out a magazine called "Sales" that gives the date and place where they sell all of the stuff. Be sure and try and get a copy of it. I read of it in a magazine the other day. Get one! Right? If you do get some of the stuff, why don't you rent an old warehouse and store it in, then start writing letters to sell it. Now with Lottie home, you can even make some trips, if the car will take it now. Or you can even go on a bus. Right. Anyway, I think now is the time to buy. After the war, there will be too many newcomers to the Army goods trade, and all will be wanting to buy it. Right?

That is all for now, so be good and write soon.

Love,

Harold

AFTER 5 DAYS - 20416637

Co M 167th Inf APO 31 % FM

S.F., Calif.

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.

RECEIVED BY

8 Feb 45
N.E.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Today I received 8 letters, 7 from you and one from Harry Berman. The latest Air-mail from you was dated Jan. 29/45, which makes it only 10 days, and I think that is excellent. Right?

It rained a little today, but not much. This morning I went down to the Red-Cross director for the Division, who is a good friend of mine, and asked him to write the Red-Cross in the P.I. to try and get ahold of the list of P.W. that have been liberated as soon as possible. I want to be sure that Bert has my address as soon as possible, so that he will come down here, instead of flying home when he is released. Right? So I hope to hear something from him within a week. Sure hope I do.

I am sending you some negatives to my last role or films, which are a lot better than usual, and have some pictures of me. Please have one extra made of the one Fancher and Joyner are in, holding a Jap flag, and Lottie, see that his Mother gets it. Right?

I wrote you about Bob Esco last week, Lottie, and told you what a bull-shooter he is. He got shot accidentally in the arm while riding on the back of a truck. The gun went off when it hit a bump. He never saw enough action to talk about. I saw the article in the B'ham News, and when we read it, we all had a laugh about the whole thing, as nothing in it is true. I don't blame him for being in high spirits, pulling what he did to get back to the states, and then shooting all of the bull about it. Right? Let me know if he is wearing a Purple Heart, as he was never awarded one. Hear?

Yes, all of the sores under my arm are practically gone now, thank goodness. As I understand it, Eve is mad at her mother because she sold her (Eve) harp, and now she has to buy another one. Just got through playing bridge for 3 hours, and had terrible luck tonight. I won 2 rubbers and lost 3, but lost on points badly. It was rough luck all night long. I have written Aunt Annie a few times since I came overseas, but she don't answer it, so I don't write any more. The only kinfolks that write me are Eve and Grandma. Mother, what is the matter with your family? Huh? Well, I guess a Cooper is a Cooper, and you can't change them. Right? How about that, Pop? It is now 9:30 PM. You haven't mentioned winning at Poker lately.. What's the matter, did the fellows catch on to your playing?

It looks like the Japs are destroying Manila after all. According to the news today they are burning it by hidden gas drums in the buildings. It is terrible, but they will be made to pay in the end. Right?

Be good, and write soon. Daddy, in addition to your other efforts to wire me when you hear from Bert, get the Red Cross to wire me. Understand?

Love,

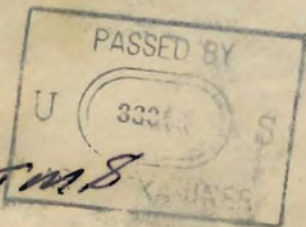
Harold

Sgt. H.L. BANK, 20816632
 Co. M, 167TH INF, ARD 31
 810 P.M., S.F., CAL



AIRMAIL

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
 ARMY STORE,
 FUSCALOOSA, ALA.
 U.S.A.



Y.M.S.

18 FEB 45
N.E.F.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:
WELL, NO MAIL TO-DAY,
AND IT RAINED THIS
AFTER NOON.

TONIGHT AFTER SUPPER
I GOT THE WORST STOMACH
ACHE I EVER HAD, SO I
BOY SOME PILLS FROM THE
MEDICO, AND LAID DOWN
AND REALLY SUFFERED FOR
A COUPLE OF HOURS. THEN
I WENT OUT AND VOMITED
IT ALL UP, AND NOW I
FEEL LIKE A MILLION
DOLLARS.

DADDY, I HAVE BEEN
DOING A LOT OF THINKING
ABOUT THAT NEW PLANT

MONEY, AND I WANT YOU
TO GIVE THEM A LOT OF
THOUGHT AND CONSIDERATION.
RIGHT? WHERE ARE THEY

PUTTING THE PLANTS ON?
BROTHER A LONG

LETTER TODAY, HE SEEMS TO
LIKE IT OVER THERE.

GET THE CLIPPING
ABOUT GEORGE McBURNEY.

YOU WROTE NOT LONG AGO
THAT HE HAD BEEN DECORATED.

HOW ABOUT GIVING THEM THE
LOWDOWN ON THIS. DID IT

TELL YOU THAT DEVOTA
GREEN WAS HERE? I

HAVEN'T SEEN HIM YET. HIS
SISTER, MARY WARD, REMARRIED

THAT IS COMING THERE. YOU
WANT TO BE SURE AND GET
FIRST PRIORITY ON THAT STORE
NEXT DOOR. WHEN I GET BACK
WE ARE GOING TO OPEN UP
A PAWN SHOP AND A HARDWARE
STORE NEXT DOOR! UNDERSTAND?

NOW YOU OUGHT TO SEE A
REAL ESTATE AGENT AND

LOOK OVER THE PROPERTY
AND HOMES HE HAS FOR

SALE. YOU OUGHT TO BUY
ALL YOU CAN. YOU OUGHT TO

ESPECIALLY LOOK AT SOME
PROPERTY ON THE EDGE

OF TOWN. THAT'S WHERE
A LOT OF HOMES WILL BE

BUILT AFTER THE WAR.
DADDY, THIS IS AN OPPOR-
TUNITY TO MAKE SOME
MONEY! HURRY!

54-
MILTON ROSENFELD, I REALLY

BELIEVED THAT SHE CAN
GIVE YOU COMPETITION IN
TALKING, MOTHER, RIGHT?

POP?

WELL, I'M STILL WAITING

EVERY DAY TO HEAR FROM
BERT. WENT TO AN HOUR'S

LECTURE TODAY ON
PSYCHO-NEUROTIC CASES

BY A DOCTOR.

BET GOOD. AND WRITE
SOON.

LOVE,

Harold

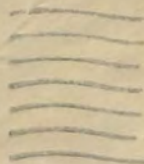
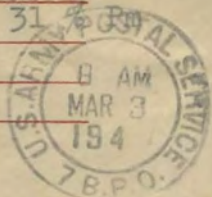
P.S. HOW ABOUT SOME MORE
OF THOSE THIN ENVELOPES?

8:30 AM - 12 FEB 45 - GOT CABLE BEARDS
FREE & I'M FLYING THERE AT 10 AM
TODAY! HURRAH!

Sgt. H.L. Bank, 20416637

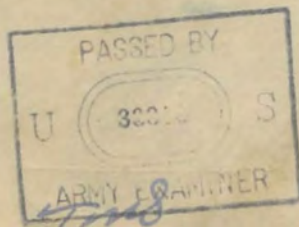
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S.F., Calif.



AIRMAIL

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.



28 Feb 45
N.E.I.

Dearest Mother & Dandy:

The mail naxen's come in yet today, but should be in soon. It is now 7 PM , and we get hemail late these days. I loafed all day today, as it rained all day long. We got paid off today, as in that is anything.

Hope I get some of the clippings from the paper about Bert tonight. Duley Deal got one over a week ago, and I haven't received it yet. Why?

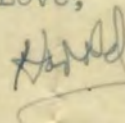
There is a show on tonight, but I saw it, A Soldier Comes to Dinner, while on my trip. Well, it shouldn't be more than 4 more days before Bert hits the Golden Gate. Sure wish I was on the ship with him.

Just heard the news and it sure does sound good in Europe today. They are moving along nicely. On Iwo Jema they are having a tough time of it all the way around.

I just got a Vmail from you dated Feb. 14, and you said you give Aunt Bess and Uncle Joe \$50.000 for their anniversary. That is the silliest thing I ver heard of. What did they give you on your 25th Anniversary? Not even a telegram! If you are going to give away money, give to Charity, not to unappreciative kinfolks. You might do it while I am away, Mother, but you won't do it when I get back. Unarstand? That takes he cake, and ought to be put in Ripley's column. And what were you aying about them just 10 years ago. Have you forgotten? I didn't think you would forget so soon.

Be good and wite soon.

Love,



Sgt. H. - Bank, 20416637
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S.F., Calif.



Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.



2 March 1945

N.E.I..

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, it hasn't rained today, for a change, and hope it stops long enough for my clothes to get dry. They have been hanging out for 3 days.

I slept and read all morning, and played bridge all afternoon. I just couldn't hit a thing this afternoon; couldn't get a good hand for anything. Never saw so much bad luck in one day in my life.

Sure hope I get some mail from you this afternoon with the clippings in it. My morale sure is low; the other boys getting the clippings 2 weeks before me. I don't believe it is the mail's fault either. Right? Haven't heard from you in 3 days now.

Got a letter from Sid Rosen yesterday, and he is doing O.K., a Corporal here in the Pacific. Wilbur Silburman is a Major now in England. Maybe Bert will be in S.E. for Eve Hoffman's marriage. I believe I told you she is getting married in a couple of weeks. Her Mother, your Sister, is not even coming to the wedding. They don't speak anymore. So, big boy, don't you ever speak of Mother's family as the one that has arguments. Right? By the way, have you given any more money away to some of Mother's relatives? Gosh, big hearted, that's the way they used to do you! Right?

I'll finish this after the night mail comes in. Well, the mail just came in, and I got 3 letters from Lottie, 2 on Feb. 20, and one on the 21st; one of them from B'ham. There is a few days skip there. If you sent me the clipping on Feb. 3, when it was in the paper, I am sure it would be here by now. Now, did you send it to me that day by Airmail? Sure am glad you are going to California, and know you will have a good time. What is the name of the boy, Daddy's cousin, that is missing in action? And where does he come in in the Bank's family? I have written Gena a letter for all of the boxes she has sent me, but I don't know which box you are talking about. Arnold and I took a picture, with his camera. How about letting me in on some of the people that wired and sent you telegrams and letters? Don't you think I would like to know too? Bert knows about Emma. Arbro wrote him, and he got the letter when he was released, with 7 other letters. I can't understand why you are keeping all of this stuff secret. I won't tell anyone, I promise. Let me in on something.

Be good and write soon.

Love,

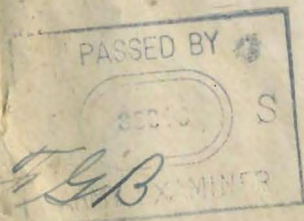
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Sgt. H. L. BANK 20416637
Co. M, 167th INF, APO. 36,
C/O P. M., S.F., CALIF.



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ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U. S. A.



2 MARKS
N.E.T.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:
TO-DAY I RECEIVED A
V-MAIL LETTER FROM YOU
DATED FEB. 7, BUT I THINK
IT WAS WRITTEN AT A MUCH
LATER DATE. RIGHT?

JUST TOOK OFF A
COUPLE OF HOURS TO PLAY
SOME BRIDGE, BUT COULDN'T
DO ANY GOOD. JUST COULDN'T
CATCH A HAND.

IT'S HOT AS THE DEVIL,
AND I SURE AM SWEATING.
WE HAVE ELECTRIC LIGHTS
NOW, AND ARE NOW FIXING UP
A LOUDSPEAKER IN THE TENT,
CONNECTED TO THE RADIO

IN THE ORDERLY ROOM. IT
SHOULD BE O.K.

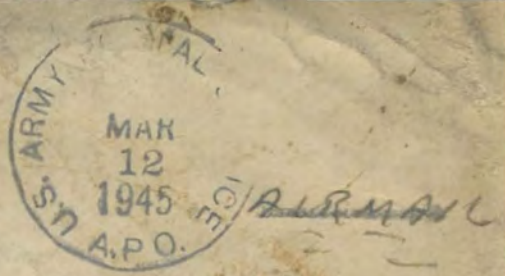
I WORKED MOST OF THE
DAY GETTING THE TENT
INTO SHAPE, WITH ALL OF
THE EXTRA CONVENIENCES
IN IT. BUILT ME A TABLE
FOR MY JUNK, WITH ONE
SHELF.

STARTED TO GO TO A SHOW
TODAY, BUT DECIDED TO GO
TO SLEEP EARLY. I LOVE
MY SLEEP.

THANKS ALL SO WRITE
SOON!

Love,
Harold

Sgt. H. L. BANK, L 086637
Co. M, 167 TH INF, APO-31,
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MR & MRS SAM BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.



9 MAR 45
N.E.T.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

WELL, NO MAIL TO-DAY.

IT RAINED ALL DAY LONG

AND THE AREA IS NOTHING

BUT A QUAGMIRE OF MUD,

INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF

THE TENT.

TO-NIGHT I GOT RELIGIOUS
AND WENT TO SERVICE FOR

THE FIRST TIME IN OVER

A YEAR, SINCE I WENT ON

THE SHIP COMING OVER

HERE. THE RABBI, NAMED

GOLD, FROM N.Y., WAS

NICE. THERE WAS A

GIRL THERE THAT WAS

WITH THE USO SHOW, AND

SHE USED TO LIVE IN

PALESTINE. SHE AND A

BOY FROM PALESTINE

24 JAN 82
 M.F.H.
 Boys, I think I'll
 go to the other side
 of the river soon.
 I'll be good & write soon.
 But I have to go
 and outside of

- 2 -

AND THE RABBI STARTED
TALKING IN THE BREW,
AND YOU SHOULD HAVE HEARD
THEM BUMP THEIR
BUMS. THERE WERE SOME
AUSTRALIANS THERE, AND
ONE KNEW SOME PEOPLE
IN PALESTINE SHE KNEW.
SO ALL IN ALL, IT WAS
NICE.

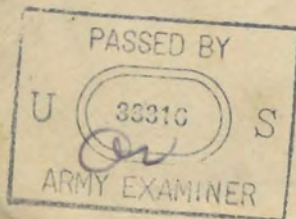
I UNDERSTAND PASACH
COMES ON MARCH 28TH
AND THEY'RE HAVING
A SEDER FOR 700

Sgt. H. L. Bank, 20416037
CoM 167th Inf APO 31 1/2 PM
S.F., Calif.



AIRMAIL

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Stoe,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.



10 M ar 45
N.E.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, today it didn't rain much, just a little this morning. We had our inspection this morning, and everything went off O.K. This afternoon we hauled in a lot of coral sand to fill up all of the mud puddles in the company street and in the tents. It looks a lot better now.

Then right before supper we got issued a case of beer plus 2 cans. I got rid of mine, because I can't stand the stuff. All of the boys are really happy tonight, and feeling good. Most of them try to get rid of theirs in one drinking, during one night. And then the next morning all of them are feeling bad.

The mail hasn't come in as yet, but the mail orderly has gone for it now. This morning I got a package, the first in over a month. It has 2 cans of food and some pecans. Please mark the date on the outside of the package so that I can tell when it was mailed. Right? Well, he just came up with 3 bags of mail, so I might have another box. Hope so. Also got about 8 papers today, the first in over a month, all B'ham news. I don't seem to get any Tuscaloosa News anymore. Well, he is now separating the stuff, and I just got a can of something; guess it is another can of cookies. No date on it, either. It sure is hot as the devil today, and I just took a nice, cool shower. We have a nice shower built for the whole company now, with 6 showers on it, and it sure is nice.

Well, I got 5 letters, 1 from you dated Feb. 19; 2 from Lottie, dated Feb 26 and Mar, and 1 from Martelle and 1 from Manuel. Well, here goes the answers to all of the questions of your letter of March 1/45. Bert weighed 180 pounds. When I said 150, I was quoting the Col. in P.I., as I hadn't seen him then. Bert didn't know I was coming to see him, and couldn't see me, but I told him who it was from dock to the deck where he was, and then about 20 minutes I went aboard, and we never stopped talking. He acted as always, with the same self confidence, and the wonderful personality; meeting and talking and shooting the bull as the old Bert, just as a politician does. He was very anxious to tell everything, as were the rest of the men. He told me all about seeing Logan. His eyes are bad, but will be O.K. in a few months. He can read a typewritten page close to his eyes. Bert has only one scar, on his right hand, about 1 1/2 inches long, and it don't affect his hand. It is just as good as new. I tell you that you couldn't even tell he had been through the Hell he has been through. I don't know Harold Levin. He expects a promotion when he gets back, but don't know for sure. But he will get one, and probably two promotions, which makes him a Lt. Col. Some class in the Bank's family. Right?

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon. We didn't say a thing during the taking of the newsreels.

Love,

Harold

Sgt. H.C. BANK, 2086637
Co. M, 167th INF, A.P.O.
40 P.M., S.F., CAL.



MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U. S. A.



12 MAR 45

M.E.F.M

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

TO-DAY I GOT YOUR LETTER
DATED MAR. 2, & GLAD TO HEAR
FROM YOU.

I SURE WOULD LIKE TO
SEE THOSE NEWS REELS OF
BERT, MAYBE THEY WILL COME
HERE SOME TIMES SOON.

THIS MORNING WE WENT
OUT ON A SMALL HIKE AND
DID SOME TRAINING. THIS AFTER-
NOON I TOOK A LONG PEED
RIDE IN A DOWNPOUR
OF RAIN ON A RECON-
NAISSANCE. IT RAINED US
OUT OVER SOME OF THE
ROAD, AND WE COULDN'T
COMPLETE OUR MISSION.

JUST READ THE ARMY
TIMES ABOUT THE MAIL,

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 MARCH 4TH OR 5TH IT DON'T
 LOOK AS IF YOU'RE GOING
 TO MEET HIM! WHAT'S
 THE MATTER?
 BE GOOD AND WRITE

BE GOOD AND WRITE

HERE I HAVE TOLD YOU
MAYBE THEY WILL COME
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WITH MY NAME IN IT, JUST
LIKE THE ONE IN THE
TUSCALOOSA NEWS. REMEM-
BER? PLAYING

BER?
I'VE BEEN PLAYING
A LITTLE CHECKERS
LATELY, AFTER A LONG
LAY OFF, AND CAN STILL
BEAT NEARLY EVERY ONE
IN THE COMPANY.

IT SEEMS LIKE IT
IS NEVER GOING TO
RAIN AROUND HERE,
I MEAN STOP RAINING.
THERE IS NOTHING BUT
MUD HERE.

AS YOUR LETTER WAS
DATED MARCH 2ND, AND
BERT WAS SUPPOSED TO
ARRIVE IN S.F. ABOUT

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Co M 167th Inf APO 31 7PM
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15 Mar 45
N.E.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I didn't write last night because I couldn't borrow a pen, and the typewriter was in use. I was on guard, as Sgt. of Guard from 9 till 1 last night and 9 till 1 today. No work to it.

I built me a new table today getting ready for a big inspection on this Saturday. I might go to services again tomorrow night. On the 28th of this month, for Pasach, we are having a big seder for 700 boys. We ought to get a good meal, as they are bringing a lot of stuff in from Australia and the States especially for the occasion. Um-m-m.

It didn't rain today for the first time in 2 weeks, and my clothes finally got dry, after hanging out for a week.

Got a letter from Eve and she got married on Feb. 17, and is very happy. She got poison ivy on her honeymoon. Rough, isn't it? She sent me a picture of Leonard taken in Puerto Rico. He is big as a house, and feels very bad about Bobby, naturally. Also got a letter from Naomi and Les Letter. His brother is in the Marines over here someplace.

There is nothing new here, except more work. Guess time Bert is already home, and everyone is happy. So you see, there was no reason at all to worry about his eyes, as he can see good enough. Right?

Be good and write soon. Please send me some food, pins for a watch, generators for a lantern and some mantles, cookies, and some candy.



Love,

Handwritten signature

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24 Mar 45
N.E.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

I received two letters from you today, V-mails, dated Feb. 27th and March 7th. Some service, huh?

Today I loafed in my tent all day doing exactly nothing but reading and playing checkers. Played a lot of checkers today, and won most of them. It didn't rain today, and all of my clothes got clean.

Started to go to the show here at the Battalion theatre tonight, but I saw Dark Waters a month or more ago.

The small amount in my account wouldn't do any good so I won't bother with it. See Bert ! Right?

I can't understand what you are doing. Are you spending all of your money for merchandise, and not keeping a good cash balance on hand. Anyway, you have power of attorney for me, so if you didn't file it, it is your hard **luck**. I told you to. You can do anything with the money you want to. Right?

Think I'll stroll up and see Arnold Royal tomorrow morning, as I haven't anything else to do, and it is Sunday, and we are off for the day.

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon.
Please send me some food.

Love,

Harold

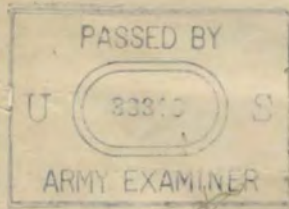
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DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

27 MARCH

N.E.T.

I RECEIVED YOUR VERY NICE, AND
LONG (?) LETTER (TO WIT: 1 SENTENCE),
WITH A CLIPPING AND SOME ENVE-
LOPES, BUT STILL NO STAMPS. WHY?
I TOLD YOU THEY ARE VERY HARD
TO GET OVER HERE.

IT ONLY RAINED A LITTLE TO-DAY.
I WENT ON THE SICK BOOK TO-DAY,
FOR THE FIFTH TIME IN MY ARMY
CAREER. I WAS QUARTERED FOR THE
FIRST TIME IN MY ARMY CAREER.
THE DR. MADE ME STAY IN AND
PUT HOT BORIC ACID ON IT. HOPE
IT HELPS, AS THESE SORES SURE
ARE WORRISOME.
WE HAVE A LONG HIKE TO-
MORROW, AND I DREAD IT! I

ASKED MY C.O. TO-DAY TO REDUCE
ME TO A CORPORAL, AND GIVE ME
THE MAIL ORDERLY JOB, BUT HE
WOULDN'T DO IT. HE SAYS HE HAS NO
ONE TO TAKE MY PLACE. HE IS A
VERY NICE FELLOW, UNDERSTANDS
MY BAD WALKING ABILITY, AND IS
GOING TO TRY TO FIND ME A JOB
TO GET ME OFF OF THE FIELD,
WHERE I DON'T HAVE TO WALK.
LT. KERR, MY C.O., IS THE MOST UN-
DERSTANDING AND REASONABLE
MAN I EVER SAW. HE IS A SWELL
FELLOW.

FANCHER IS IN THE HOSPITAL NOW.
HE'S BEEN THERE A COUPLE OF DAYS.
HE HAD A WISDOM TEETH
PULLED, AND GOT INFECTED.
PLEASE SEND ME SOME SAR-
DINES, COOKIES, CANNED GOODS, AND SOME



KIND OF SPREADS FOR SANDWICHES.
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

Love,

Harold

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29 MARCH
N.E.T.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

WELL, NO MAIL TO-DAY. WE WENT
TO THE SEDER LAST NIGHT, AND EN-
JOYED IT A LOT. WE HAD THE SERVICES
FIRST, WITH WINE. WE HAD MATZO, SALT
WATER, HARD BOILED EGG, FRESH TOMATOES AND
CUCUMBER, STEAK, MINE NOT SO HOT, PEAS, BEANS,
SOUP, PINEAPPLE JUICE, AND PEACHES.
SURE WAS A NICE MEAL. THERE WERE
1200 BOYS THERE, MORE THAN THEY
EXPECTED, THEREFORE THEY HAD TO EAT
IN TWO SHIFTS, IT RAINED DURING
THE WHOLE SERVICES.
WE DIDN'T DO MUCH TO-DAY. I
PASSED THE FOOTBALL AROUND A
LITTLE WHILE THIS AFTERNOON.

I'M ON CHARGE OF QUARTERS
FROM 6 P.M. TILL 11 P.M., AND ALL
DAY TO-MORROW TILL 6 P.M.

THE WAR NEWS TO-NIGHT
SOUNDS WONDERFUL. THEY HAVE
CAPTURED CEBU, AND THE 3RD
ARMY U.S. IS GOING TO TOWN IN
GERMANY. THE GERMANS WILL
GIVE UP BY JUNE 21ST, MY BIRTH-
DAY! RIGHT?

I'M NOT FEELING GOOD TO-
NIGHT; ALL OF MY BONES ACHES.
HOPE I'LL FEEL BETTER TO-MORROW.

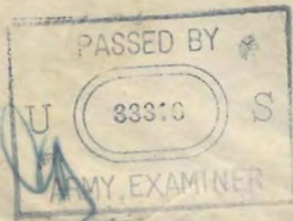
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LOVE,
NANNY

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8 Apr 45
N.E.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

No mail yesterday from you, but I did get a letter from Mort Rosen, Sid Rosen, and a lighter from a boy in India, by the name of Harry Berman. He bought me one and sent it to me. It was very nice of him, wasn't it? He seems not to be working too hard over there, but it is hot as the devil, and there is a lot of disease over the whole country, just like over here. Watinsky, a boy from Brooklyn, sitting here in the tent with me, says that I can't write a letter with the margin even on both sides of the page. So I am showing him that I can do it. Boy, will he be surprised when he sees this paragraph.

Today is Sunday, and I have been laying around all morning doing nothing but sleep and read. Some day. My work is finished at Battalion, so I guess my typing career is over for a few more months. Right?

I got a long letter, 4 single-spaced typewritten pages, from Manuel yesterday, dated January 13, 1945. He sure does write an interesting letter. Right?

Daddy, what are you doing letting that Blitz boy join the Kappa Nu? Aren't you still working for oh! SAM? Or are you slipping on your rushing ability? Huh? Keep the home fires burning, will ya'?

Thanks a lot for the package of needles that you never sent me. I appreciate it a lot.

Is Bert going to take the discharge? How long is he going to stay in Miami with you, Mother, and Lottie? Will he go there during the 90 day leave, or after he goes to report to the Redistribution Center there? How about putting the dates on the clippings from now on.

I got an Australian salami yesterday, and it is terrible. It is nothing like the ones you get at the Bohemian in Birmingham! Right?

Got a nice letter from Cousin Rae, and will answer it today. I didn't know that Harvey Kramer was a PW, and am certainly sorry to hear it. I saw "Experiment Perilous" last week, and it was pretty good. We get shows quick over here, and the best of them, too. Lottie said Bert wasn't going to speak at the Hadassah meeting in Birmingham, and I think he made a mistake. He should have. Right, Pop? When you put something in a letter, like a pink you put "HandCancel" on it so they won't run it through a machine to cancel it, or to stamp the date on it. Understand? What kind of proposition is Mel Allen talking about with Bert? Did Bert call him, or did Mel call Bert? Please answer all of these questions. I can't write

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checks because I have no check book and my account is in savings now; not in a checking account. Right? I'm lucky, aren't I?

When are the folks coming from Chicago, and who is coming? Huh?

That is all for now, so be good and write soon.

Love,

Harold

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15 APR 45
N.E.F.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY!

I GOT A LETTER YESTERDAY
FROM LOTTIE DATED APRIL 5TH, LOTTIE'S
BIRTHDAY. IT SEEMS THAT SINCE BERT
GOT HOME NO ONE WRITES BUT
LOTTIE. WELL, I WRITE ONLY WHEN
I RECEIVE A LETTER! RIGHT?

NIGHT BEFORE LAST I SAW
A SORRY PICTURE, "ENTER ARSENE
LUPIN". THEY STARTED A STAGE
SHOW, BUT THE P.A. SYSTEM
BROKE DOWN, AND THEY DIDN'T
FINISH.

LAST NIGHT THERE WAS
A DOUBLE FEATURE ON, "HARRI-
GAN'S KID", NOT SO HOT, AND BING
CROSBY IN "GOING MY WAY".
PRETTY GOOD.

WHEN ARE THE FOLKS FROM
CHICAGO COMING THERE? GRANDMA

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NEVER ANSWERED MY LAST
LETTER!

YOU NEVER TOLD ME A
THING ABOUT WHAT YOU DID
IN N.O. DID YOU GO TO ANY
NIGHT CLUBS? WHY DIDN'T YOU
SEND ME A CLIPPING FROM
THE N.O. PAPER ABOUT THE
INTERVIEW BERT HAD WITH
THE NEWS REPORTER?

I DON'T THINK YOU WANT
TO GO SPEND YOUR VACATION WITH
VALERIA, LOTHE. WITH EDNA

IT'S O.K.
BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

LOVE,

Harold

ME SOME FOOD!

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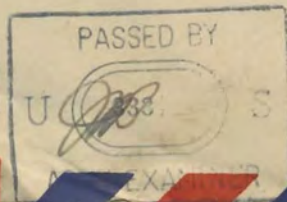
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31 Apr 45
N.E.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Yesterd y I received 2 letters from you, and one today, stating that you had seen Bert in N.O. See, you didn't believe me when I told you Bert looked good! Well, when I tell you something in the future, you will believe me. Right?

We had our usual Saturday inspection today and got paid right before dinner. I loafed all afternoon, and will write a few letters tonight. The "o" on this machine gets stuck, and worries.

I can't understand why Bert didn't write me from New Orleans. Mother, Lottie, and Daddy all wrote me in one letter, and he didn't even put in a note.

I received notice that you are sending me the gift package of Omnibook, and certainly appreciate it immensely. I also received notice that Mrs. Mose Temers n is sending me a subscription to Reader's Digest. I certainly think that wonderful of her, and am going to write her tonight. She is a wonderful woman. Right?

What is Pal Cochran doing in N.O.? I thought he was in the army. What is his rank? How did the news reporters know that Bert was in N.O.? Huh? So far I haven't gotten the fruit cake you mentioned, cloth, (don't send cloth), olives, nor the candy. Please put the date on the package when you mail it. Daddy said he left orders for Manuel to write me everyday. Why don't he hire a personal correspondent to write his letters if he is too busy to write?

Who is Marlin Moore? I never heard of him. Bert told me he was down to 130 lbs. at one time, not down to 102, as you stated. Which is right?

Please send me some food. Be good and write soon.

Love,

Handwritten signature

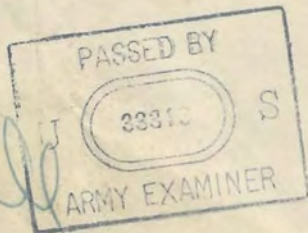


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5/16/45

4 May 45
P.I.

Dearest Mother &Daddy:

Well, today I got some mail for a change, about 10 letters, and a couple of boxes from you and Lipson. Sure was glad to get the olives, and it sure was packed nice in the cotton. But you still don't date the packages like I asked you to, so that I can see how long it is taking them to get here. You say you asked Macine to get me a fountain pen in Birmingham; did you tell her to get me a very fine point? That is the only kind I can use. Does Bert's leave start after he gets through with the hospital; or did it start when he arrived in Tuscaloosa? Huh? Sure was nice of Gena to give the party for Bert. It is just like a duck supper, and you bring the duck?!! Right?

We moved to another day before yesterday, and have been very busy cleaning up the area. It is looking very good now. We have been in all kind of areas and orchards, but this is the first time we ever bivouacked in a rubber plantation. Right?

I got the first of the issues of Reader's Digest today, and it was March, believe it or not. Sure was glad to get it. The war news in Germany is sounding wonderful today, with Hitler and Goebels reportedly dead, and rumors of a peace armistice. Right?

Got a nice letter from Charlotte today, and will answer it right away. She sure does right like a ~~grown up lady~~, instead of a little girl. Right? Lottie have you sent my ~~camera and films~~ to me? If not, why not? I left it on my table in the room, and know the camera must still be there! Bert can probably get some film for it out at the PX, if you can't get me another smaller camera. Right? I certainly was sorry to hear about the death of Mr. Schweitzer, and shall write the family a letter of condolence immediately. When does Bert go to Miami? After his leave, or during it? I got the clipping and picture about the Talantis boy, and was wondering what kind of stories he is telling about his injuries! Huh? Yes, my pipe was in that box with all of that junk you mentioned. Please send it on to the factory immediately. Did James Kissiah ever come by and tell you he had seen me in Biak? I was just wondering. I can't imagine who the boy is that came in to see you that saw me after I came back from seeing Bert. What is his name? That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

Harold

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UNITED STATES ARMY

MAY 45

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

WELL, HERE I AM, STILL COVERING
TERRITORY IN [REDACTED] WE HAVE BEEN
WALKING, CLIMBING, AND FIGHTING FOR
THE PAST TWO WEEKS, [REDACTED] TIMES
IT HAS BEEN VERY ROUGH, [REDACTED] WALKED
25 MILES IN THE PAST ONE DAY,
SLEPT 1:30 AM TILL 5 AM, AND STARTED
WALKING AT 6 AM. WE HAVEN'T HAD
A HOT MEAL IN WEEKS; NOTHING BUT
"K" AND 10 IN 1 RATIONS. I DON'T KNOW
HOW MUCH LONGER THIS CAMPAIGN WILL
BE OVER, BUT I HOPE IT'S SOON.
WE ARE CLEANING THIS ISLAND
OF JAPS EVERY DAY.

ACCORDING TO THIS DISCHARGE POINT
SYSTEM, I HAVE ABOUT 80 POINTS, AND
IF IT WORKS WITHOUT PARTIALITY, I
MIGHT BE HOME FOR XMAS! RIGHT?
I THINK THAT'S A GOOD DEAL
FOR BERT TO TRAVEL AROUND WITH BONDS,
WOULD LIKE THAT OPTION.



UNITED STATES ARMY

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WE WERE CERTAINLY HAPPY TO
HEAR OF GERMANY'S. I HAVEN'T
SEEN A NEWS SHEET AT ALL, SO HOW
ABOUT SEND CLIPPINGS FROM

THE PAPER EACH DAY

I RECEIVED BERT'S BUT YOU
NEVER SENT THE ONE OF PEAKING
AT A BANQUET IN B. BY HERE
GOT IT AND SHOWED IT TO ME!

WE ARE UP IN THE MOUNTAINS
NOW, AND IT SURE GETS CHILLY.
ALL WE HAVE IS ON OUR BACK. THE
MAIL HASN'T BEEN GOING OUT, AND
I DON'T KNOW IF THIS WILL GO.
DID MR. M^E LEND ON DR? DID
YOU HEAR OF HAMP'S ACCIDENT?

I JUST FINISHED READING MARCH
R. Digest. SURE HAVE SEEN

A LOT PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD
AND A DOZEN CANVAS WRIST
WATCH BANDS.



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4 June 45
P.I.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

I DIDN'T GET ANY MAIL FROM YOU YESTERDAY, BUT GOT ONE FROM BERT & LOTTIE. I'M GLAD BERT WENT TO N.Y. LOTTIE, TELL BERT TO CALL NAOMI AND TAKE HER TO LUNCH, WILL YA'?

THE RAINY SEASON HAS STARTED, AND IT RAINS EVERY DAY, AND I MEAN IT REALLY RAINS. THE FIRST NIGHT I AWOKE TO FIND MY FOXHOLE FULL, AND MYSELF FLOATING AROUND. SO I BUILT MY HOME ON TOP OF THE GROUND, AND SLEEP DRY. I HAVE NO BLANKETS NOW, BUT EXPECT TO GET SOME SOON. NOW I SLEEP ON CARDBOARD AND GRASS, AND REALLY CAN SLEEP TOO. I SLEEP

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WITH MY CLOTHES ON. WE USED TO
CATCH 3 HOURS GUARD PER NIGHT,
BUT NOW CATCH ONLY 1^{HR}.15 MINUTES.
THAT'S BAGGAGE, AND WE ROTATE IT,
SO WE GO ON AT DIFFERENT TIMES
EACH NIGHT.

A COUPLE OF SERGEANTS IN
MY PLATOON WERE TRANSFERRED
TO OTHER PLATOONS YESTERDAY. IT
DIDN'T MAKE ME MAD, BECAUSE
NEITHER WERE WORTH A DIME. ONE
WAS TERRIBLE IGNORANT, AND THE
OTHER WAS TOO SMART TO WORK, HE
THOUGHT! SO I'M GLAD THEY'RE GONE.
NOW I HAVE A DARN GOOD PLATOON.
I'M HAPPY NOW!
WELL, I CERTAINLY HOPE FINDS
THAT GIRL AND GETS MARRIED RIGHT AWAY.
THEN BY THE TIME I GET HOME

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MAYBE HE'LL BE RAISING LITTLE S.A.M.s
RIGHT?

I JUST HEARD THE RUMOR (DON'T
QUOTE ME) THAT THE DISCHARGE
POINTS HAD BEEN LOWERED TO 75
FROM 85. IF THAT'S SO, AND I HOPE
IT IS, I MIGHT BE HOME FOR XMAS,
45 AS I NOW HAVE 78 POINTS,
AS OF MAY 12, WITH AN ADDITIONAL

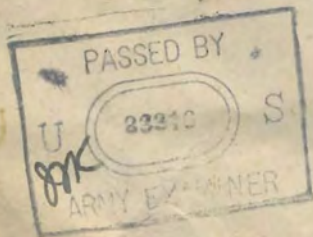
2 ADDED SINCE THEN, WHEN THEY
STARTED COUNTING UP THE POINTS. SO
FIX UP MY ROOM EXACTLY AS I
LEFT IT, FILL UP THE CAR WITH GAS,
BUY UP ALL GOOD STEAKS, BAKE A
LOT OF APPLE PIES, GET 5.0 GALLONS OF
ICE CREAM AND I WANT A ROOT BEER
AND PEANUTS! RIGHT?
BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

LOVE,
DANNY
P.S. PLEASE SEND ME A HEAT-TO STOVE, FOOD,
AND COCO-COLA!

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#6 JUNE 45
P.I.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

I RECEIVED A COUPLE OF LETTERS
FROM YOU THIS WEEK AND WAS GLAD TO
HEAR FROM YOU ONCE AGAIN!

EVERYTHING IS AS USUAL HERE.
WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE RESTING FROM
COMBAT NOW, BUT ARE WORKING HARD
CLEANING UP THE AREA. IT'S REALLY
A JOB, DIGGING IN AND CLEANING OUT
THE BRUSH AND TREES AND UNDER BRUSH.

THE 3 IN MY TENT BUILT US A
FLOOR FROM POLES LIKE A NATIVE, WITH
GRASS, AND IT'S REALLY NICE & DRY. WE
HAVE OUR BLANKETS AND EXTRA CLOTHES
ALSO. WE ARE ON THE SIDE OF A
STEEP MOUNTAIN, AND CAN LIE IN
BED AND LOOK DOWN ON THE LOWER

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RIDGE IN THE VALLEY AND SEE
ALL OF THE OTHER TENTS. THE RIVER
IS RIGHT BELOW, AND WE SWIM
AND WASH THERE. IT'S WIDE AND SWIFT.
THERE IS A NICE CREEK 35 YARDS
DOWN TO GET WATER. WE ALL CARRY
HALAZONE TABLETS TO PURIFY ANY
WATER.

WELL, I GUESS BY NOW BERT IS BACK
FROM NV, AND HAD A NICE TIME. DID HE
FIND OUT ANYTHING ABOUT HIS BOOK?
WHEN DOES HE START ON THE NATION
WIDE BOND TOUR? AFTER OR BEFORE HIS
3 DAY LEAVE? IN THE PICTURE MR.
CRIMES GAVE YOU OF BERT WALKING INTO
CAMP, WHAT WAS IN THE PACKAGE HE
WAS CARRYING. WRITE TO THE
NEWARK, N.Y. SUNDAY CALL (NEWSPAPER) FOR

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A COPY OF MAY 20TH PAPER, THERE
IS A PICTURE OF NAT WHEN WE
INVADED MOROTAI ON SEPT. 15/44. I
WAS JUST AHEAD OF HIM.

THAT'S ABOUT ALL FOR NOW, SO BE
GOOD & WRITE SOON. I DON'T KNOW SOL
ROSEN, BUT WHEN SAM GOLDBLATT CAME
TO SEE ME I TOLD HIM BOB BAYNES, HEARD
ME ABOUT HIM. IS HE DISCHARGED? HAS
HE ANY GELT?

PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD AND
COCO-COLA!

LOVE
HARRY

S. TELL BERT THAT HAMP BUSH PROBABLY
WOULDN'T EVEN SPEAK TO ME! HE'S TOO MUCH
OF A BIG SHOT, HE THINKS! I LAST SAW HIM
IN L.A. IN '43. ARNOLD IS STILL ON MOROTAI!
H.

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8 JUNE 45

P.T.

DEAREST LOTTIE:

WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED MAIL
IN QUITE A FEW DAYS NOW. WE
EXPECT SOME TO-DAY THOUGH.

IT'S NOW 11 AM, AND MY
PLATOON IS UP AT THE DROP
AREA, WHERE THE C-47'S DROPPED
US RATIONS, 10 #N 2, THIS MORNING.

WHEN THEY DROP THEM THEY
FALL ALL OVER THE HILLSIDE,
AND WE HAVE TO FIND THEM
AND PILE THEM AT A DESIGNATED
POINT FOR DISTRIBUTION. IT'S
SURE A JOB, BUT FOOD IS FOOD.

RIGHT?

OUR KITCHEN FINALLY GOT UP
TO US YESTERDAY, AND WE HAD OUR
FIRST MEAL THIS MORNING, I.E.,
OUR FIRST HOT MEAL. WE WILL

WE'RE HAVING AN ORDINANCE
INSPECTION TO-DAY, AND I HAVE
MY GUN AND TRENCH KNIFE
ALL OILED. WE REALLY HAVE
TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF OUR WEAP-
ONS OVER HERE, BECAUSE IN THIS
CLIMATE THEY RUST EASILY. WE'RE
JUST LIKE GARISON ON THIS SIDE
OF THE RIVER, WHILE ON THE OTHER
SIDE A FIERCE BATTLE RAGES.
SOUNDS SORT OF SILLY, DON'T IT?

YESTERDAY 4 OF THE BOYS WENT
LEFT FOR HOME ON THE POINT
TRAIN. TO-DAY I MORE LEFT. ALL
HAVE CHILDREN. SEE. BUT I CAN
BELIEVE I WILL BE HOME FOR XMAS.
JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE. I NOW HAVE
"BO" HUGE, LARGE, BRAVE POINT.
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON.

LIVE,

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME
FOOD AND COCA-COLA!

GET TWO HOT MEALS A DAY NOW.
THEY CAN'T DROP "B" RATIONS FROM
A PLANE, BECAUSE THEY'LL BURST OPEN.
SO WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE OUT WITH
TWO PER DAY, PLUS "10 IN 1" RATIONS.
SOME "10 IN 1" ARE REALLY
GOOD. THEY HAVE CANDY, HAM-
BURGER, (KOSHER, MOTHER, BEEF, NOT PORK),
AND SOME GOOD FRUIT CAKE. IT'S
BAGGAGE. WE HEAT IT ALL. IT
HAS CORN, PEAS, BUTTER, CRACKERS,
AND PLUM-RICE PUDDING, ALSO.

THIS MORNING WE CUT STEPS
UP THE MOUNTAIN TO OUR LATRINE.
YESTERDAY WE HAD TO BUILD
A BRIDGE AGAIN OVER THE
CREEK, BECAUSE ONE OF THE
BIG SHOTS DIDN'T LIKE IT. AND
WE BUILT STEPS DOWN THE HILL
WITH POLES. SOME WORK ETC.

89T.M.L. BANK, 20416637
Co-M, 167TH INF, APO, 31,
9/8 P.M., S.F., CALIF.



~~VIA AIR MAIL~~

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
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AMERICAN RED CROSS

15 JUNE 45
P.I.

DEAREST MOTHER + DADDY:

TO-DAY'S MAIL HASN'T ARRIVED AS YET, BUT I
HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU TO-DAY. YESTERDAY I ONLY
GOT ONE LETTER, FROM LOTTIE. GOT A LETTER FROM
BERT IN N.Y., AND HE SEEMS TO BE HAVING A BIG
TIME.

LAST NIGHT I LET GEORGE THE MONKEY, SLEEP
WITH ME, AND HE WAS SO CUTE, CUDDLING UP TO ME
LIKE A LITTLE BABY. I LET HIM RUN LOOSE
DURING THE DAY, WHEN I'M IN MY TENT,
TO LOOK FOR FOOD. HE'S AWFULLY PARTICULAR
WHAT HE EATS.

I WROTE MANUEL A LONG LETTER YESTER-
DAY, AND SHALL WRITE COUSIN RAE TO-DAY.
IT'S NOW 1 PM THE SUN IS OUT, FOR A CHANGE,
AND IT HASN'T RAINED TO-DAY AS YET.

THE C-47'S ARE DROPPING MAIL PRETTY REGULAR
NOW, NEARLY EVERY DAY. I'M LIKING THAT!

THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF RUMORS GOING
AROUND THAT THE DISCHARGE POINTS ARE GOING TO BE LOWERED

TO 80. I CERTAINLY HOPE IT'S TRUE.

I DON'T BELIEVE I TOLD YOU OUR C.O., SINCE
JAN. 4/45, WAS APPOINTED TO CAPTAIN LAST MONTH
WELL, WE HAVE MOST OF OKINAWA, ARE POUNDING



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JAPAN PRACTICALLY AROUND THE CLOCK, AND I DON'T
BELIEVE SHE WILL LAST MORE THAN 4 OR 5 MORE
MONTHS. RIGHT?

I'M GOING TO AWAIT THE ARRIVAL OF TO-DAY'S
MAIL TO FINISH THIS LETTER.

NO MAIL TO-DAY! WRITE SOON!

LOVE,
Hazel

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD.
H.

U. S. ARMY EXAMINER

Sgt. H. L. BANK, LON 16637
Co. M, 167th INF, A.P.O.
C/O P.M., S.F., CALIF.



~~VIA AIR MAIL~~

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17 JUNE 15
P.F.

DEAREST MOTHER + DADDY:
I RECEIVED 3 U-MAILS FROM YOU TO-DAY,
DATED MAY 23RD, 24TH, AND 25TH.

IT'S NOW 5:20 P.M. + JUST GOT CAUGHT
OUT IN THE HARD RAIN THAT JUST STOPPED. GEORGE
WAS OUT IN AND GOT ALL WET ALSO. BUT I GOT
HIM UNDER MY BED IN A BOX SO HE'LL BE DRY.

+ CAN'T GET OVER THAT LITTLE MEDDASS
GIRL THAT GOT MARRIED TO-DAY. + THOUGHT SHE
WAS ONLY A KID. I REMEMBER SHE USED TO BE A
DARN GOOD-LOOKING GIRL. DID YOU GO TO THE WED-
DING?

I DON'T REMEMBER YOUR TROUBLE WITH MR.
PRICE! TELL ME ABOUT IT! WAS THE MODERN CLEANERS
BY THE TUSCALOOSA NEWS BUILDING? + DON'T REMEM-
BER WHERE IT IS! I WROTE GRAND-MA A
LONG LETTER LAST WEEK.

I HAVE BEEN READING EVERYTHING IN SIGHT
LATELY, AND THERE IS A SCARCITY OF READING
MATERIAL AROUND HERE. HOPE WE GET SOME IN SOON!
NO OTHER NEWS TO-DAY, SO BE GOOD AND WRITE
SOON!

LOVE,

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD!
H.

Harold

CO. M, 167 TH INF, AND. 31
9:10 P.M., S.F., CALIF.



MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
ARMY STORE,

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20 JUNE 45
MINDANAO, P.F.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

THE MAIL JUST CAME IN AND I DON'T HAVE ANY,
YESTERDAY I GOT ONE FROM LOTTIE AND BERT.
IT'S NOW 11:30 AM., AND I REMEMBER THE MAGAZINE
ALL AFTERNOON. READING MATERIAL IS VERY SCARCE
AND I NOW HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO READ.
BERT WRITES YOU ARE GOING TO START MANUFACT-
URING HARNESS AND LEATHER GOODS. DOES THAT MEAN
THAT YOU ARE GOING TO SELL THE STORE WHERE WILL
YOU PUT UP THE NEW BUSINESS? HOW MUCH WILL
MR. [?] IS THE MAN WITH THE MACHINERY MR.
[?] WHERE DOES HE COME IN ON THE DEAL? IS HE
A PARTNER? DO YOU THINK YOU CAN GET ENOUGH LEA-
THER NOW? MAYBE WITH A GOVERNMENT CONTRACT YOU
CAN GET PRIORITIES! RIGHT? WELL, I HOPE IT TURNS OUT
GOOD, BUT I SURE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MY OWN
SHOP NEXT DOOR AFTER THE WAR! RIGHT?

HAVE ANY OF THE BOYS & GIRLS COME
HOME FROM ~~THE~~ EUROPE AS YET? I WONDER IF
LES POTTER IS ON HIS WAY OVER HERE!

IT'S PRETTY COOL TODAY, JUST SPRING AT
HOME. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN WEEKS, IT DIDN'T
RAIN YESTERDAY.

I HOPE BY NOW LOTTIE HAS MET SOME GIRL
TO WRITE THAT FELLOW I TOLD R ABOUT!
WELL 25 YEARS AGO THE TEN SEAPLES,



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ALABAMA (U.S.) YOU WERE GLAD, SHE WAS IN BED,
I WAS IN BAD, AND BERT WAS A LOT OF
DIDNT GIVE A DOO-DAD! RIT THAT AN
EVENTFUL DAY FOR GOOD OLD SEES AND YOUR
SONORA FRIENDS! BY THE WAY, IS M DUFF STILL
IN PARIS, OR ON HIS WAY HOME SPEAKING OF
SONORA REMINDED ME OF HIM!

WHEN I MENTIONED ABOUT HIS SEEING
MICKEY WALKER IN NEW YORK, WE STARTED A BIG
SECTION ON BOXING, FROM THE FIRST TIME

WAS THE NAME OF THAT PUNCH
AT HOME THAT USED TO BE A BIG TIME

SPARRING PARTNER, FOR DEMPSEY I BELIEVE. HE USED
TO UMPIRE WRESTLING MATCHES AND WAS
IT WHITE?

THATS ALL FOR NOW, SO BE GOOD, ANSWER
ALL OF MY QUESTIONS, AND WRITE SOON!

I love,
Harold

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME FOOD!



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27 JUNE 85
P.I.

DEAREST MOTHER + DADDY:

I RECEIVED 3 LETTERS FROM
YOU TODAY, 2 FROM LOTTIE AND
ONE FROM BERT, DATED JUNE 12TH.

SO BERT IS GETTING HIS REST
AND TAKING EXERCISE AFTER
ALL.

YESTERDAY I TOOK A PATROL
ON A 3 HOUR SEARCH OF SOME JAP
CAVES AND HUTMENTS, BUT DIDN'T
FIND ANYTHING. THIS MORNING
6 MORE TO DESTROY THE HUTS AND
BLOW OUT THE CAVES. THEY RAN
UP ON A JAP BUT HE GOT AWAY.
HE WAS IN A SHACK THAT WE

LOOKED THROUGH YESTERDAY. I WISH
I HAD BEEN THERE WITH MY TOMMY
GUN. I WOULD HAVE HIT HIM, I
KNOW.

DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME
TO WRITE THESE DAYS WITH SEA

IT RAINED, AS USUAL, THIS MORNING,
AND WE CARRIED A LOT OF RATIONS,
"K'S", TO THE BOYS UP FRONT. IT'S
SURE A JOB LUGGING IT IN THE
MUD. I WOULD RATHER DO THAT,
HOWEVER, THAN BE UP WITH THE
RIFLE COMPANIES, RIGHT?

IT JUST STARTED TO RAIN
AGAIN, SO I HAD TO COME IN
MY TENT. THE 3 OF US HAVE
A GOOD TENT, BUT THE WATER
SEEPS IN, AND WE HAVE TO BAIL
IT OUT. OTHERWISE, IT'S A HAPPY
HOME!

I HOPE BY NOW LOTTIE HAS
TOLD THAT GIRL TO WRITE TO
THE LT. I WROTE HER ABOUT
IT!

29TH
MAYBE NOW I CAN FINISH THIS
LETTER. YESTERDAY I GOT THE POUCH
AND ENVELOPPES MAILED APR. 19TH

MUCH WORK TO BE DONE. I
WRITE AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.
I HAVE TIME NOW BECAUSE
IT IS RAINING, AND I AM
OFF TILL IT STOPS.

HOW ABOUT TELLING ME
SOMETHING OF THE NEW BUSINESS;
HOW MUCH? HOW MANY MACH
KNIVES YOU HAVE, HOW MANY ARE
WORKING IN THERE, WHAT DOES
CHESTER DO, ABOUT THE SALES
MEN, ETC. HUH?

BIG BOY, YOUR STAKES AREN'T
SO HOT ANY MORE! WHAT THE
MATTER, SLIPPING? ESPECIALLY
ABOUT THE OLD ONE OF SEEING
AND HEARING!

28TH JUNE 45

WELL, I HAVE A FEW MORE
MINUTES, SO I'LL ADD A FEW MORE
LINES.

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IT HAVN'T RAINED AS YET
TODAY, AND I HAVE BEEN BUSY
ALL DAY LONG.

I JUST TALKED TO A
GUERRILLA WHO FOUGHT HERE.
I SHOWED HIM THE STORY
BERT SCHWARTZ WROTE.

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON.

Love,

Narelle

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME
FOOD!

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I want to see you

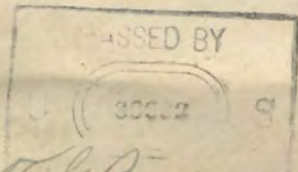
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AMERICAN RED CROSS

3 July 45

P.I. MINDANAO

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

WELL, HERE I SIT, WRITING, AFTER A GOOD NIGHT OF REST. IT SURE FEELS GOOD TO SLEEP ON A COF, WITH A GOOD TENT OVER HEAD, AND EAT HOT MEALS. I ATE WITH "A" COMPANY THIS MORNING, AND TALKED TO SOME OF THE BOYS FROM HOME. YOU REMEMBER "A" C. IS FROM TUSCALOOSA. I TALKED TO LT. BILL SEAL, WHO USED TO LIVE ACROSS FROM US, AND HIS AUNT WORKS AT P. 2122. HIS BROTHER WAS SHOT IN THE BACK, AND IS GOING BACK TO THE STATES NOW. I TALKED TO A BOY NAMED MERRY BALL, OR SOMELAR, WHO LIVES TWO DOORS FROM PHIPPER'S GROCERY STORE ON 7TH STREET. HE WENT TO SCHOOL WITH A LITTLE.

WELL, HOW'S THE NEW BUSINESS? HOW DID CHESTER DO IN CHICAGO? HOW CAN YOU FIND MACHINES NOW? I DON'T SEE HOW YOU CAN GET LEATHER WITHOUT GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS. MAYBE YOU CAN GET SOME! CONTRACTS, I MEAN! YES - I RECEIVED A LOT OF PACKAGES FROM YOU -

TERO 44, INCLUDING CANS OF FOOD AND OMNI BOOKS, AND 2 FRUIT CAKES. ONE FRUIT CAKE WAS ALL MASHED, BECAUSE IT WASN'T IN A BOX. IT MUST HAVE BEEN WRAPPED AT THE BOHEMIAN. IT COST \$4.05 ACCORDING TO THE TAG. I KNOW YOU WOULD WRAP IT BETTER.



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MY PACKAGES FROM YOU² ALWAYS COME IN THE
BEST CONDITION OF ALL.

HAS BEET HEARD FROM HIS PARENTS? I SURE
HOPE HE GETS IT!

IT'S NOW 10:55 AM, AND I HAD TO
STOP AND EAT A PIECE OF FRUIT CAKE.
SURE IS GOOD.

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

LOVE,

Harold

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD.

Harold



AMERICAN RED CROSS

July 3/15

Daddy:

PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD!

Harold



AMERICAN RED CROSS

July 3/85

GENA:

PLEASE SEND ME A BOX OF
Food!

Harold

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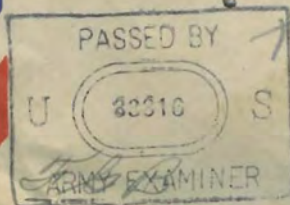
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AMERICAN CROSS

DEAREST DAD & MOM
I RECEIVED 4 LETTERS FROM YOU TODAY, AND
TWO FROM LOTTIE, DATED JUNE 22ND AND 23RD.
WE HAD FRESH EGGS AND FRESH MEAT
FOR BREAKFAST. IT SURE WAS GOOD.

I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM YOU IN A LONG
TIME, MOTHER! WHY DON'T YOU WRITE?

DADDY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WANT TO
DO IN THE LEATHER BUSINESS. FIRST I
WANT TO LEARN THE BUSINESS ON THE INSIDE.
AFTER THAT MAYBE I'LL RUN THE OFFICE AND
TRAVEL AROUND SELLING! BUT, FIRST, I WANT TO
WORK INSIDE AND LEARN ALL ABOUT THE BUSINESS. O.K.?
I SURE WOULD LIKE TO GET IN ON THAT RADIO
STATION OF BERT'S ALSO. BE SURE AND INVEST SOME
MONEY IN IT, IF YOU GET A CHANCE. IT'S A GOOD
DEAL!

I'M SURE MOTHER DON'T NEED AN
OPERATION. SHE JUST THINKS EVERYTHING IS WRONG!
WHAT HOSPITAL WAS MOTHER IN, BAPTIST?
WE HAVE A LOT OF FILIPINOS BUILDING HALLS
FOR OUR J. Hq, RECREATION HALL, MESS HALL ETC.
JIM G. BUT THEN THIS A...

AMERICAN

CROSS

WHILE THEY TALK ABOUT POLES, AND ABOUT
I HAVE A LOT OF OLD PAPERS AND HAVE
BEEN READING OF A LOT OF BOYS FROM HOME THAT
HAVE BEEN KILLED, BUT YOU NEVER SEND ME THE
CLIPPINGS, NOR DO YOU EVEN MENTION IT.

DON'T SEND ANY MORE PEACHES, APRICOTS,
PEARS, APPLE SAUCE, ETC. SEND ME SARDINES, SMALL
CANS, TUNA-FISH, GEFELTE FISH, COOKIES (WELL WRAPPED),
SANDWICH SPREAD, AND RED CHERRIES.

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

Love,

Harold

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD!

Harold



Sgt, H. L. BANK, 2086637
Co. M, 167 TH INF, APO 31,
9/8 PM, S.F., CALIF.



AIR MAIL

MRS. SAM BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.



11 July 48
P.I.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

WELL, TO-DAY IS ANOTHER SCORCHER. THE SUN IS REALLY BEATING DOWN. NOW IT SEEMS TO ONLY RAIN AT NIGHT.

I JUST FINISHED DINNER. WE HAD BAKED SALMON, IT'S NOT SO HOT, BUT WILL DO. GEORGE WOON'T EAT COOKED FOOD, SO I GAVE HIM SOME APPLESAUCE AND A BISCUIT.

I SAW A PRETTY GOOD GERMAN PROPAGANDA SHOW LAST NIGHT, "MARGIN FOR ERROR". BE SURE AND SEE IT WHEN IT COMES TO TOWN.

WE ARE GRADUALLY GETTING OUR NEW AREA INTO SHAPE, AND SHOULD BE MOVING OVER IN A FEW DAYS.

I RECEIVED TWO LETTERS FROM YOU YESTERDAY, ONE NOT DATED, TWO FROM BERT, AND 3 FROM LOUIE. THE LATEST WAS DATED JUNE 30TH, AIRMAIL, WHICH IS PRETTY GOOD TIME IN ANY LANGUAGE.

WELL, HOW IS THE HARNESS BUSINESS? HOW DID CHESTER DO IN CHICAGO? HOW ABOUT UNVEILING THE SECRECY OVER YOUR BUSINESS. WHAT'S HYNIE ROSENFELD'S ADDRESS? I GET THE TUSCALOOSA & B'HAM NEWS NOW, WHEN IT COMES IN, EVERY 2 OR 3 MONTHS.

I JUST GOT A JUNE READER'S DIRECT, SO I'D BETTER FINISH IT.

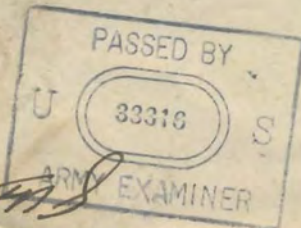
BEGOOD & WRITE SOON!

LOVE,
Harold

Sgt H. C. BANK 2046637
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40PM, S.F., CALIF.



MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
ARMY STORE,
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24 July 45
P.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

No MAIL AGAIN TO-DAY. I WAS ON GUARD FROM 3 PM YESTERDAY UNTIL 3 PM TO-DAY. I DON'T HAVE TO WALK A POST MYSELF; JUST POST MYRELIEF AND AM ON DUTY TWO HOURS AND OFF FOUR HOURS. THEREFORE WE STAYED AT THE GUARD HOUSE, AND I DIDN'T GET TO WRITE YESTERDAY.

I SAW A SHOW LAST NIGHT, BETWEEN SHIFTS. IT WAS JOHN WAYNE IN "THE SPOILERS." PRETTY GOOD! IT RAINED ALL NIGHT AND TO-DAY. I ONLY SLEPT FOUR HOURS, AND AM GOING TO BED EARLY TO-NIGHT.

YESTERDAY GEORGE GOT ALWISE, AND WHEN I CAME DOWN FOR BREAKFAST, THERE HE WAS! BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

Love,

Harold

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD!

Harold

EXAMINER U. S. ARMY EXAMINER

Sgt. H. L. BANK 20816637
COM, 167 INF, APO 34
210 PM, S.F., CALIF.



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27 July 45
P.T.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

NO MAIL TO-DAY, BUT I GOT 6 PACKAGES, INCLUDING 1 FROM EVELYN. SHE SURE SENT ME A NICE BOX. I HAVE GEFELTE FISH TO EAT NOW, AND TUNA FISH, SAADINES, AND FRUIT-CAKE. I GOT THE RIBBONS. WHY DIDN'T YOU PUT THEM TOGETHER? IT SURE IS A JOB.

I WORKED ALL DAY BUILDING SHELVES OVER BEDS. AT 1PM I WENT OUT TO PLAY SOFT-BALL, AND WE WON, 10-7. I PLAYED $3\frac{1}{2}$ INNINGS, GOT NO HITS FOR 2, AND MADE NO ERRORS. I PLAYED 3RD BASE FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND MADE SOME NICE CATCHES.

IT RAINED RIGHT BEFORE RETREAT, AND WE MISSED ~~RETREAT~~ RIFLE INSPECTION. THEN AT RETREAT TIME IT STOPPED RAINING, AND WE FELL IN FOR RETREAT, THE C.O. DONT HEAR THE BUGLE, SO WE DIDN'T PRESENT ARMS.

I GOT A LOT OF PAPERS TO-DAY. I SURE WAS SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JOE WARD.

ALL OF THE BOYS ARE IN HIGH SPIRITS TO-NIGHT FROM THE BEER. LAST NIGHT WE ALL WENT TO THE SHOW, AND WHEN WE RETURNED, SOME ONE HAD STOLEN TWO CASES OF BEER.

-2-
FROM MY TENT, AND SOME FROM MOST OF THE
TENTS ON MY ROW. THE BOYS SURELY DID
FEEL BAD, ESPECIALLY AFTER WAITING 6
MONTHS FOR IT.

I SAW FOUR LARGE ADS IN THE PAPER
AND THEY LOOK NICE. I STILL THINK YOU
OUGHT TO QUOTE MORE PRICES THAN YOU DO!
RIGHT?

BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

Love,
Harold

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD!

Harold

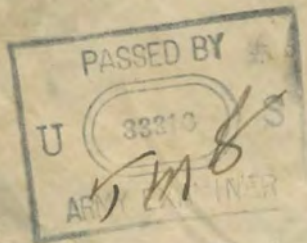
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VIA AIR MAIL

MISS LOTTIE BANK
3018-5TH ST.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.



3 Aug 45
P.T.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

I RECEIVED ONE LETTER FROM
LOTTIE TO-DAY, DATED JULY 14, 1945.

THIS MORNING I WENT OUT ON
THE THE DRILL FIELD FOR AN HOUR,
TO DO CLOSE ORDER DRILL, JUST LIKE
ROOKIES COMING IN THE ARMY. IT
SURE WAS HOT TO-DAY. THEN I
TYPED ALL MORNING FOR THE SUPPLY
ROOM.

THIS AFTERNOON WE LOST A
DARN GOOD SOFTBALL GAME, 3-1. I
DIDN'T PLAY, AND THE MAN WHO
TOOK MY PLACE GOT NO HITS AND
MADE 4 ERRORS.

THEN WE HAD GUN INSPECTION
AND RETREAT, WHICH DOES NO GOOD
AT ALL, AND REALLY BRINGS DOWN
THE MORALE OF THE MEN TO A LOW
EBB.

I WISH YOU WOULD GO MORE
IN DETAIL ABOUT THE LEATHER
BUSINESS. HOW MANY MACHINES ARE
IN IT? HOW ARE YOU SELLING
IT IF YOU CAN'T GET THE SNAPS?
WHY DON'T YOU TRY AND GET A GOV-
ERNMENT CONTRACT. THEN, WITH
PRIORITIES, YOU CAN GET ALL THE
LEATHER YOU NEED! RIGHT?

IT'S NOW 8:20 PM, AND RAINING
VERY HARD. IT'S NIGHTS LIKE THESE
THAT MAKE ME HAPPY I'M SLEEPING
ON A COT AND NOT IN A FOX-
HOLE.

I SAW ABBOTT COSTELLO
LAST NIGHT IN "WHERE COMES THE
CO-EDS" AND IT WAS O.K.
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

LOVE,
Harold

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD!
H.

IN REGARD TO THE PLAN BEING
TOLD YOU ABOUT, YOU WILL HAVE
TO GO TO THE RED CROSS, EX-
PLAIN THE SITUATION, AND GET
THEM TO PUT IN THE REQUEST.
THEN WHEN IT GETS HERE, I
CAN WORK ON IT. SO DO IT
RIGHT AWAY. BE SURE AND
SAY I HAVE 28 POINTS, AS
OF MAY 12TH, 17 MONTHS
OVER SEAS SERVICE, AND
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ YEARS ARMY SERVICE.
LET ME KNOW THE RESULTS!

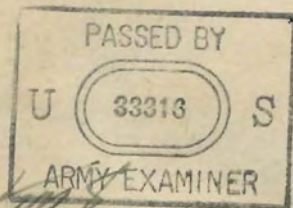
PLEASE DATE YOUR LETTERS.
H.
H.

Sgt. H.C. BANK, 2081663
Co. M, 16th INF, APO 31,
40 PM, S.F., CALIF.



AIRMAIL

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.



5 August

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

I RECEIVED YOUR TWO LETTERS
FROM CHICAGO, AND AM GLAD ALL
OF THE FOLKS ARE WELL.

TODAY IS SUNDAY. THIS MOR-
NING I WENT TO THE DISPENSARY
WITH AN EARACHE. THE DOCTOR
WASHED IT OUT, AND PUT SOME

PENICILLIN IN IT. THEN I WENT
OUT AND PLAYED TWO SOFT-BALL

GAMES. I TWISTED MY KNEE AND
ANKLE, GOT TWO CHARLEY HORSES,

HIT ONCE, TWO HORN-ON-ERROR, AND
MADE NO ERRORS. I WAS SO SURE

THIS AFTERNOON I DIDN'T GO

OUT TO PLAY. WE LOST TWO THIS
MORNING, 6-0 AND 5-9, AND WON 3-1

THIS AFTERNOON.

IT'S HOT AS THE DEVIL
NOW, WITH NO RAIN TO COOL THINGS
OFF.

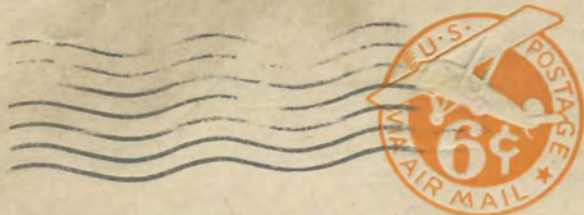
DADDY, WHY DON'T YOU WANT TO
SELL THAT GUY IN CHICAGO 25 GRAND
A WEEK. LARGER SALES WITH SMALLER
PROFITS ARE MUCH BETTER. RIGHT?
YOU OUGHT TO TAKE SOME OF THOSE
BIG SALES. RIGHT?

I SAW A DARN GOOD SHOW LAST
NIGHT, SITTING THROU A STEADY DRIZZLE
OVERAW. IT WAS BETTY DAVIES IN "THE
CORN IS GREEN." HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

LOVE,
Harold

Sgt. H. L. DICK, 20416637
CARGO CONTROL, APO 31,
9/0 P.M., S.F., CALIF.



AIRMAIL

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.



4 Sept 45
Mindanao, P.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, as usual, no mail today. I went about 20 miles down the road, or rather up the mountains, to a dentist this morning. I broke a piece of tooth off a couple of days ago, and he put a large filling in it. He said for me to have gold put in it when I get home. So, Dr. Patton, you have a customer on the way. It didn't feel so good, that is, when he was grinding away on it. Eh, Pop? I had a ride down there, but had to catch 4 rides back. I got back at 11 o'clock, ate, and came down to the office at noon, and just got through fixing out the report. It is now 2:15 o'clock.

It looks like rain again today, with no sun at all shining. It is pretty warm, however. I sure hope I get some mail one of these days. Boy, how I miss it.

The radio announced yesterday that all censorship was off. So as soon as we get a radiogram officially, it will stop. I am going to wait until then to mail my box of souvenirs and junk home.

There is a lot of activity around the beach today. There are boats coming and going, being unloaded, workers doing this and that, and a lot of Filipinos working all around.

I was just wondering what the Government is going to do with the millions worth of building equipment and other junk over here. I guess they will either give or sell it to the Philippine government. Boy, what wastage they have over here. Break a fan belt, and get a new truck. That seems to be the motto over here, practically.

I hope you are getting the low-down on the buying of some of the surplus equipment that the government will be selling in the future. You should get all you can. Right?

It was also announced that the points was lowered to a critical score of 80 points, which makes me eligible to go home. I think I will be leaving here in, at the most, a couple of months. Maybe before then. I can't wait to get away from this place. I am going to try to get a plane ride home instead of the usual, slow boat ride. I will contact Col. Davis and Wilson when I get to Leyte. So wish me luck!

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

Harold

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

11 SEPTEMBER

D.I.

DEAREST MOTHER LADY
WELL, NO MAIL TO
BACK FROM ILLIGAN
I ENJOYED IT, BUT D
I LEFT AT 10, GOT THERE
THINGS AT "MP" HEADQUARTERS
I SLEPT, AND HIRED A
BY A SMALL HORSE. HE TOOK
TO A PLACE WHERE THERE
TO BE A DANCE, BUT W
2 PESOS FOR THE RIDE. HE
AND ~~POOR~~ LEAD THE H
BRIDGE. HE WALKED
EDGE + THAT I GOT OUT
HE HAS TWO "PUNCTURES." HIS TIRES WERE
PIECES OF AN OLD TIRE, ~~THESE~~ WIRED



AMERICAN RED CROSS

TOGETHER. IT SLIP² TWICE,
AND ONCE HE HAD TO BACK A
1/4 MILE WHERE IT DROPPED. I HAD
A HARD TIME WITH HIM BECAUSE HE
COULDN'T SPEAK ENGLISH.

I MET A MAN DO² THERE WHO
HAS LIVED HERE 45 YEARS. HAD A LOT
OF MONEY, BUT ONLY OWN LOT OF

PROPERTY NOW.

IT'S REALLY A QUANT LITTLE TOWN,
WITH A PRE-WAR POPULATION OF ABOUT
12,000. ALL OF THE BUILDINGS ARE IN-
TACT, AND VERY FEW DE² THE
STATUE IS STILL STANDING.

DADDY, THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF
THESE LITTLE TOWNS, WITH NO STORES.
THEY ARE WONDERFUL BUSINESS OPPOR-



AMERICAN RED CROSS

-3-

UNITIES. WITH A LITTLE I COULD
OPEN A STORE AND MAKE A FORTUNE. THERE
PEOPLE HAVE MONEY, BUT NOT HERE AND
NO PLACE TO SPEND THE MONEY. I COULD
BRANCH OUT TO OTHER BUSINESSES TOO.
IT IS MADE TO ORDER A NEW
BUSINESS. YOU HAVE NO WHAT A
FORTUNE IS TO BE MADE OVER HERE. AND
THE FIRST WITH THE MERCHANDISE WILL
BE THE ONE TO MAKE THE MONEY. I
REALLY WOULD LIKE TO COME BACK OVER
HERE AND GO IN BUSINESS. LET ME
KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT IT!
IT'S GOING TO BE A BIG THING!

Love,
Harold

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13 Sept 45
Mindanao, P.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, as usual, no mail today again. But some of these days I am going to fool you and start a letter with I got some mail today. Right?

This morning I went over to get a cup of coffee, and played 3 games of ping pong, losing 2 and winning 1. This afternoon I went to get a coke and the winner played 1 game and the loser sat down. Well I played 1½ hours, beating every one that came up. Then after all had played me I played a boy who ~~he~~ I had previously beaten twice and he beat me 21-17. I was really hot and was putting the ball where they weren't.

Last night for 3 hours I started writing a story of my experiences since leaving the states. I wrote 16 pages and am still on the Pacific coming over. I shall send you a copy of it when I am finished. It will save me the trouble of telling you and everyone about everything, and will be more in detail than I can ever remember to tell. I want to write it while it is still fresh in my mind.

We are having a show tonight, as it is Thursday, so guess I will go. A USO show is on the island now, and will show to us next Wednesday. Today is Thursday. There are not many ships around here now, and therefore not much to do. That really makes me mad. Right?

Rosie, the monkey, has been sick, and I gave her some bicarbonate of soda at lunch time. I hope she is feeling better now. I got some mango nuts and bananas to feed them today. They love them, and also any kind of fruit and candy.

I am reading a very good book now. It is Guerrilla. It is about the type of warfare in Germany they fight in the mountains, and is very good.

I saw Nat at dinner and we shot bull. He really has a good job. He and an officer are in charge of the investigating of the black market here on the island. He has charge of all of the confiscated goods, and there is plenty of it. He has a warehouse full of it. He is getting me and himself a valo-pack. I want one to carry my stuff home in, and then I can always use one there. I don't want to lug a duffel bag home. Right? They cost \$12.50, and are darn nice ones.

That is all for now, so be good and write soon.

Love,

Harold

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AIRMAIL

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20 Sept 45
Mindanao, P.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, as usual, no mail today. But some more good news made itself known today. The 31st Division was alerted for shipment back to the States today. So we will probably spend the next month getting ready to move out. As for me, I am ready now, and am not taking anything with me. I will leave all of my junk to the Filipinos. Right? I guess we will pull out of here about the later part of next month. Ten more ships came in today to take the Xth Corps to Japan. The harbor is full of ships now. It is really a lot of work for the men who have to load and unload the ships. They usually have a bunch of Filipinos to do the labor, and Americans do the winch work, that is, the mechanics.

I just went over and had a cup of coffee at the Red cross shack. They are slipping as they haven't had coke in about 5 days. I lost a doubles ping pong set, 2-3, and can't seem to hit that ball anymore. I have been in a slump for about 4 or 5 days. But I will pull out of it, one of these days, just like a baseballplayer. Right?

I was sick all day yesterday, and took some medicine last night. I am feeling a lot better today, but had an earache, and had to put some oil in it, after getting it washed out. I will have it washed out again tomorrow afternoon. It is hot as the devil today, and looks like rain.

We had the 31st Division band down for a show last night, and they were wonderful. The trumpet player is from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and knows Sid Miller. They used to play together. They sure had a good show, with some darn good novelty acts.

The boy that works with me is from Washington, and knows Veo well, and says he has worked with him. He is a nice fellow.

Nat has some job with the Division Investigation officer. The Filipinos come to him with all kind of troubles. Yesterday when I was in there a Flip came and asked him to get his wife back that a soldier had run off with his wife 2 weeks ago, and he wanted her back. He has problems like that to come up all of the time, and has to make the customer happy, or else. Right? I am glad he and I are going back to the States together, although I will probably be released before he will. We will see a lot of each other after the war.

That is all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love,

Harold

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22 Sept 45
Mindanao, P.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, today I got mail. I fooled you, didn't I. I got one from you, airmail, dated Sept. 10th, mailed direct to me, and two, an alumni news and an Octagonian, mailed June 14th. The delay was due to the fact that you didn't put enough stamps on it to go airmail. Don't send anymore V-mail. Send all airmail from now on. You didn't tell me any news in the letter at all, just that everything is all right, keep well, and bull like that. No news about home at all. You still take the paper with news in it don't you? Well, maybe I would like to know about something that is going on around home. You said Bert was home now. Didn't he meet Mother and Lottie in N. Y. last month when he started his 60 day leave?

Today it was announced that the division will be screened of all enlisted men over 60 points and Officers of over 85 points, and they will go home. Now all I am waiting on is for the ships to come in and take us home. It will be next month, I guess.

I sure felt bad when I read the Alabama Alumni News, and saw all of the men that had been killed. I found out today that I can get George and Rosie inoculated and take them home. So I told the dispensary to get the stuff and I will give them the old GI shots this week. I sure will be happy to take them back with me. They sure are cute. I have become attached to George, but Rosie is a little masic. She don't want to be friendly to me when I pick her up. She just hollers at me. George is different. He likes me.

I worked until 10 last night, and wrote a letter and went to bed at 11 o'clock. I went out on a boat and ate a mid-night snack at 9:30 PM, and had coffee, cake, cold fruit salad, and a ham sandwich. The coffee kept me from falling asleep till late.

We got a Lt. that started to work up here today. He is from Newark, and a good friend of Nat's, and I took him down to see him at dinner. He is a nice fellow, and a 1st Lt. He saw a lot of action in the mountains. I think I have seen him before, but didn't know him. Tell Bill Bloom that I talked to Capt. Al Wohl the other day. He is an SAM from Syracuse, and was a big lawyer in N.Y. He knows Bill and Bubber too. He sure is a nice fellow, and is in the Division Special Service Office now. It is a good job. He used to have a rifle company.

It is raining out now, and hot as the devil. A lot of ships left the last 2 days, and there is not much to do. I played a couple of games of pingpong today, but didn't win. Be good and write soon.

Love,

Harold

P.S. HERE IS THE WAY YOU SPELL "EYES", NOT "IES"! RIGHT?

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23 Sept 45
Mindanao, P.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, no mail today, but I guess it will start to come in now. I sure was glad to get that mail yesterday.

Today there hasn't been much to do. I played a couple of games of ping pong, which I lost, and finished reading the August 13th Time Magazine. That is a wonderful magazine. Right?

There is no more news nor rumors today about our leaving. I saw a pretty good show last night. It was "The Angels Sing", with Betty Hutton, and I sure did enjoy it, although we could hardly hear it because of the defective sound system.

Nat gave me a new cigarette lighter today, made from a 50 caliber shell, and it works a lot better than my old one, that Harry Berman sent me. By the way, have you heard about him yet. He ought to have enough points to come home soon, with all of his overseas service. Right?

It is now 3:40 o'clock, and I quit in 20 minutes. Then I go down and feed and water the monkeys, bathe, eat, shoot the bull with Nat a while, and then write some more on my story. I have been neglecting it lately, for the past week. I now have 55 pages on it. Rosie had both sides cut from the tight rope around her that was on her when I got her, so I put her in a box untied until she gets well. She is doing a lot better, thank you, and should be out and around in another 4 or 5 days.

A boat of Red Cross supplies came in today, so maybe we will start having cokes again, after a week of none. They got some coke mixture in, and they mix it and take it out to a cold storage reefer to get it cold. The reefer keeps eggs and fresh meat in it, but we don't get much meat. The new cooks in our kitchen can't cook, and the food is terrible. It is too greasy. I don't even get up for breakfast anymore. I just go over to the Red Cross and get a cup of java.

It looks like rain again tonight, so I will have a nice night to write. Right? Be good and write soon.

Love,

Harold

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9 Oct 45
P.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, I am now on a ship, that is, I moved on one last night. Yesterday I couldn't make up my mind whether to go on down to Davao, or to stay up here another week and play around. Then a "Ellis boy" came in to see me. He is on a ship going to Davao. His father is Marshall, Jordan, & Keith. You know my Father, Daddy, for I have heard him speak of him several times. He has a brother that is a Lt. Col. in Hawaii. This boy is a darn nice fellow, and had me to move on the ship with him, gave me a bed, and I am eating with him. He sure is nice to me. He is on LSM 64. So we will probably leave here tonight or in the morning for a 2 day trip to Davao. I love living on a ship, where it is cool and they eat wonderful, and have a few seranimes of the day or night. We went to a show on another ship, LSM, 1st night, and saw a pretty good show, Betty Davis and Claude Rains in "Mr. Skeffington". Have you seen it?

Nat is not last night, and it made him sick. He is O.K. and for Paradise, and, Cor. I will be there overnight. The boat is gone with him. He should

Yesterday I also
mail envelopes and stamps. I also
with a snap

I won't be getting anymore mail up here, because the company has broken up. So I guess my mail will be messed up again. I probably won't be getting anymore mail before I leave here. It takes a long time for the mail to be forwarded. But I will keep on writing. Be sure and call Mr. Ellis and told him I saw his boy, they we had a long bull session and he treated me very nice. Will ya'?

Pert said he was reporting back to the hospital in Penna. on Oct. 18, so I will write him there today. By the way it gets there he will probably be in Chicago. Right? So I guess when I take ship in December I will go to N.Y. and Conn. instead of Chicago. Right? It rained again last night, and is hot as the devil tonight today. The boats to take us home are supposed to arrive on Oct. 20th, and we are supposed to start taking them then. Sure hope they are not late, because I am anxious to get started on that long trip back across the pond. I bet it will seem a lot longer than the trip ~~was~~ coming over, and we were on the water 42 days coming over, while it will only take about 18 days going back. Right? I am only going to take my valio-pack back with me, and nothing else. I am going to throw away all of my junk away, believe it or not. Uh!

That is about all for now, so be good, and write soon.

Love, .

Harold

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18 OCT 45
DAVAO, P.F.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

LAST NIGHT I WENT INTO
DAVAO CITY, AND IT'S JUST LIKE ALL OF
THESE TOWNS OVER HERE NOTHING DOING.
I WENT TO ONE OF THE TWO NIGHT
CLUBS, HAD DRINK, WHICH COST \$2.50,
LISTENED TO THE MUSIC, HAD SOME ICE-
CREAM AND CAKE AND CAME HOME AT
10:30 PM, AND SHOT BULL UNTIL MID-
NIGHT.

I JUST CAME BACK FROM THE
SHOW, RUTH HUSSEY IN "BEDSIDE MANNER".
I LEFT AT 8:15 BECAUSE IT STARTED
TO RAIN.

ALL MORNING I WORKED A MY
NEW JOB, WHICH I LIKE NOW. THIS AFTER-
NOON I SLEPT, AND THEN WENT TO
THE CREEK IN A JEEP TO BATHE, OUR

TWO JAP WATER TRUCKS ARE OUT OF
COMMISSION, HENCE NO WATER IN THE
SHOWERS.

YESTERDAY WE CHANGED OUR
PESOS TO AMERICAN MONEY.

ONE OF OUR BOYS IS LEAVING TOMORROW ON AN EMERGENCY FURLOW.

I ORDERED \$3.00 WORTH OF PICTURES, CLOW, THEY MIGHT GET THERE BEFORE I DO.

WE BELIEVE BY THIS TIME NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE ON THE SHIP. ONE OF THE BOYS LAST NIGHT HEARD ON THE RADIO THAT WE WOULD BE IN S.F. THE FIRST PART OF NOVEMBER. SURE HOPE IT'S TRUE.

THERE'S A BIG BULL SESSION GOING ON IN MY TENT NOW, AND I CAN'T GET MY MIND ON WRITING.
BE GOOD!

LOVE,
Harold

21 OCT 45
DAVAO, P.I.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY;

NO MAIL AGAIN TO-DAY. I WORKED ALL DAY, AND MISSED MY AFTERNOON NAP.

WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHEN WE'LL LOAD UP. AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER CAME IN HERE YESTERDAY, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S FULL OR NOT.

I DIDN'T GO TO BED TO-DAY, SO I MISSED DINNER. HAD TO HAVE SOME PENICILLIN PUT IN MY EARS TO-DAY, AS THEY STARTED TO HURT AGAIN.

BILL SEALE CAME BACK FROM DAVAO IN BUYO, AND IS HERE.

I FORGOT AND LOCKER, SO NOW

1 OCT 45
IS IN MY FOOT-LOCKER.

I WORKED IN THE MORNING, AND RESTED A COUPLE OF HOURS THIS AFTERNOON.

YESTERDAY A JAPANESE DRIVER TOOK 43 JAPS AND 2 AMERICAN MAJORS AND A CAPTAIN OUT TO LOAD THE JAPS ON A SHIP BOUND FOR

JAPAN, AT 10PM. IT WAS THE WRONG
DUKW, AND IT SUNK, DROWNING OUR
CAPTAIN AND 31 JAPS. AND HE WAS
COMING HOME WITH US, TOO. ISN'T IT
AWFUL?

THERE'S A SORRY SHOW ON TO-
NIGHT, AND I'VE SEEN IT, "IT'S MURDER,
HE SAYS"

I GOT 3 LETTERS FROM LOTTIE
AND 3 FROM [REDACTED] AY. I'M GLAD
YOU'RE FOLLOWING THE DOCTOR'S ORDERS
NOW, AND DYING. I KNOW ANOTHER
MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY THAT DON'T
FOLLOW DOCTOR'S ORDERS.

THE [REDACTED] THE REGIMENT
PRINTED A [REDACTED] F THE JAP
SURRENDER [REDACTED] ENT, TO GIVE
TO ALL OF [REDACTED] SHOTS, WITH
MAPS, CHARTS, ETC. I HAVE A
JEWISH [REDACTED] A MASTER SGT, WHO
GOT ONE [REDACTED] ME. I PRIZE IT SO
MUCH I WON'T TRUST IT IN THE
MAIL. I'LL BRING IT WITH ME,
YOU WILL ENJOY READING IT!

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WELL, IT JUST STARTED
RAINING, AND ALL OF THE
BOYS ARE COMING BACK
FROM THE HOUSE.

I THINK I TOLD
YOU ABOUT FINDING
THAT BOTTLE OF WHISKEY.
THAT PRINCE OF GREEN-
BERG (IRISH BUILT
IT UP, DID HE?), HE'S
A NICE FELLOW, AND VERY
SMART.

HAVE COME BERT GOT
SO MUCH MONEY FOR HIS
STORY? THANK YOU FOR
SENDING ME A COPY, FOR
YOU KNOW I ENJOYED READ-
ING IT....

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THE PLANS CALL FOR US
TO GO UP OCT. 27TH, SO F
DON'T GUESS I GET TO
GO UP AND SEE JIMMY!

YES, THE BETTER YOU
GOT LOTTIE TO WRITE FOR
YOU ON OCT. 28TH HAS GOOD
SPELLING, THE PHRASE-
OLOGY IS R A
COLLEGE GRADE, RIGHT?

BE GOOD, I'LL
SEE YOU SOON.

LOVE,

Har

P.S. AS FOR BERT TAKING CARE
OF HIMSELF, HIS PARENTS
HAVEN'T GOT ANY ROOM TO TALK!
RIGHT? YOUR OCT. 5TH LETTER,
4 PAGES, WAS THE LONGEST YET.
MAZALTOV!

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27 OCT 45
DAVAO, P.I.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

NO MAIL TO-DAY, BUT I
GOT ONE FROM YOU YESTERDAY,
DATED OCT. 6TH, AND ONE WITH
A PAPER, DATED JULY 8TH, WITH
NOT ENOUGH STAMPS ON IT.

I WORKED THIS ~~AFTERNOON~~
MORNING, AND SLEPT THIS AFTER-
NOON. I JUST GOT BACK FROM
THE STOCKADE, WHERE I PICKED
UP A FEW JAP TRINKLETS.
THEY ARE ALL ABOUT TRADED
OUT. I DON'T THINK I'LL
GO BACK AGAIN.

THERE'S A STRONG RUMOR
TO-DAY THAT OUR SHIPS ARE
COMING IN TO-NIGHT, SO WE
MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING TO-

MORROW. I SURE HOPE THEY
COME IN, BE CAUSE I'M READY
TO LEAVE HERE. I'M SO AFRAID
I MIGHT GET SICK AND WON'T
GET TO GO HOME NOW.

I SAW WHERE ALABAMA
BEAT TENNESSEE. I BELIEVE
THEY WILL GO TO A BOWL
AGAIN. RIGHT? MAYBE I'LL SEE
IT FOR A CHANGE.

I TOOK A FEW ~~YEARS~~
PICTURES TO-DAY.

BE GOOD AND WRITE
SOON!

LOVE,
Harold

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20 OCT 45
DAVAO, P.I.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

NO MAIL TO-DAY. OUR BOATS
STILL HAVEN'T ARRIVED. SO I DON'T
GUESS WE WILL LEAVE TO-
MORROW AS SCHEDULED.

I JUST TALKED TO A BOY
WHO BOUGHT SOME LAND OVER
HERE, AND IS GOING TO SHIP
SOME MACHINERY OVER HERE
WHEN HE GETS HOME. HE WROTE
TO THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES
IN MANILA, AND THEY TOLD
HIM HE COULD GET THE
SHIPPING SPACE NOW. SO I
BELIEVE AS SOON AS I GET
HOME WE WILL WORK ON IT.

THEY DON'T HAVE BANKING
FACILITIES OVER HERE NOW,
SO HOW CAN WE WORK THAT
BILL-OF-LADING STUFF. YOU
KNOW A LOT MORE ABOUT
BUSINESS THAN I DO, SO GIVE
IT SOME THOUGHT. RIGHT?

I JUST SAW A DARN
GOOD SHOW, FRANK MORGAN
IN "STRANGER IN THE TOWN".
HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

IT'S HOT AS THE DEVIL
HERE NOW. DID BERT GO TO
MIAMI? YOU NEVER DID SAY!

WE'RE NOT ALLOWED
TO TAKE MONKEYS BACK WITH
US, SO I'M GLAD I LET ELLIS

HAVE GEORGE! RIGHT?

OUR BATTALION ADJUTANT
TOLD ME HE'S TRYING TO GET
ME A STATE ROOM GOING BACK
SO I CAN CARRY ON MY OFFICE
WORK, I SURE HOPE IT WORKS
OUT. RIGHT?

BE GOOD AND I'LL SEE YOU
SOON!

LOVE,

Harold

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1 Nov. 45
DAVAO, P.F.

DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

WELL, NO MAIL NOR NO
SHIPS TO-DAY. I GUESS IT WILL
BE ANOTHER MONTH OR TWO BE-
FORE WE LEAVE. NO ONE SEEMS
TO KNOW NOR TO CARE THAT
WE'RE NOT LEAVING. A LOT OF
FELLOWS ARE WRITING CON-
GRESS MEN ABOUT IT, I'M
GOING TO DO THE SAME THING,
TOO, AND YOU WRITE ALSO.
I DON'T BELIEVE THE WAR
DEPT. IS USING ALL AVAIL-
ABLE MEANS TO GET US HOME.
SOMEBODY IS NOT ON THE
BALL. MEN ARE NOT LEAVING
FROM THE PHILIPPINES NOW.

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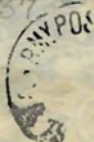
I GOT A JEEP AND WENT
INTO DAVAO THIS AFTER-
NOON TO GET MY OTHER TWO
WATCHES FIXED. ALL THREE
ARE RUNNING NOW.

IT'S HOT AS THE DEVIL
TOD-NIGHT.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF
WHAT THESE TWO BOYS ARE
DOING, IN THE ENCLOSED
CLIPPING? A GOOD DEAL, HUH?
BE GOOD, AND I'LL SEE
YOU SOON!

Love,
Harold

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AIRMAIL

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., U.S.A.

4 Nov 45
Davao, P.I.

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, today we heard a good rumor. Our boats are supposed to come in Tuesday, and today is Sunday. I sure hope it is true, because I am ready to leave this country.

I just went to a show and saw "Bewitched", which I had already seen in Bugo, and saw "Our Hearts were Young And Gay", which wasn't so hot, and it started to rain, so I left when it was only half over. We are having the sorriest show I ever saw lately. The Government is wasting money in sending these shows over here.

Well, I just heard that Bama beat Kentucky by 16 to 6, I believe. And I can't get over that Navy-Notre Dame 6-6 game. I just heard about the last few minutes and it was very exciting from the way a boy here told us. He heard a re-broadcast of it. Boy, Bama is headed for the Sugar Bowl game.

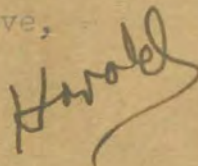
It is raining like the devil now, and I sure am glad I left the show a few minutes ago. It is really coming down.

I worked this morning, and built a box this afternoon for my Jap carbine rifle to ship it home. I think I can send it tomorrow. Then I went out and pitched a game of horseshoes and won, 21-19. Yesterday I won a singles game 21-8. That is the first game of horseshoes since I used to go to Camp Horne in 1928. But I still have my steady eye. Right?

I got about 15 papers yesterday, and an Alumni News you forwarded to me, dated June, 1945. I sure enjoy reading about my old friends in that magazine. Right?

That is about all for now, so be good and I hope to see you soon.

Love,



Sgt. M. B. Bank, 2041 56 7
Co M 167th Inf
% PM, S. F., Calif.

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.



7 Nov 45

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, another day, no ships and no mail. We did get the information, though, that we will hit San Francisco, goto Camp Stoneman, about 35 miles from S.F., stay there 3 days, and then all of the Southern boys will go to Camp Shelby. So I don't know if I will get a discharge in California or not. I will see if I can get a furlough, and if not, I will ask for a discharge there, and spend two weeks in S.F.. Right?

We started a training schedule this week, and it is just like going back through basic training. We have lectures, athletics, hikes, and closeorder drill. It is a terrible thing for the morale of the men to have to go through such things like that after all that we have been through. I am sure glad that because of my job that I don't have to go through with that junk.

I am playing on the Company softball team, though. I played second base yesterday. I hot a triple, the longest hit of the game, a single, and flied out deep to the left field in 3 times. bat. I made 6 putouts, scored 1 run, made 2 errors, and made all three putouts in 1 inning. They scored 6 runs in the first inning, and we held them O.K. therestof the game.

Boy, these boys over here are sure doing a lot of gripeing at not going home everyday in our South Pacific paper. The Pacifican, there are letters written about the bad way they are treating us about going home. When all of these soldiers get home no man in office now will ever get another vote from any of us. We are all hot and bothered and these men in office now will never hear the end of it. You ought to hear these men cuss the Congressmen and high military officials.

We're doing a lot of checking our service records and forms so that when we get to the Separation Center everything will be straight and all we will have to do is get discharged. Right?

Love,
Harold

Sgt. H.L.Bank, 20416637
Co M 167th Inf APO 31
% P M, S.F., Calif.



AIR MAIL

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Ala., USA

18 Nov 45

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, we are now 3 days late in leaving, and there is no telling how many more we will be late. No boats and no mail. We are completely cut off from the outside world now. We have no radios, as we have already turned them in, no news, and no mail. So we don't know what is going on in the world today.

We are still sitting around doing a lot of nothing, but play softball. I haven't played the past week. I broke the crystal on my watch and went down to Toril, a small town 4 miles from here, to get it fixed yesterday, but the watchmaker had gone to Davao a couple of days. So I didn't get it fixed.

This is Sunday morning, and I have been busy as a bee this morning. A lot of stuff is coming in that I have to take care, and the boys don't like to work on Sunday, but what has to be done, has to be done. Right?

We thought we were going to leave last Thursday, so on Wednesday we had our Thanksgiving Turkey dinner. We had a lot of turkey, and it sure was good. So maybe now we will have another Turkey dinner on Thanksgiving day. We don't know if the people in the USA have decided that the last or next to last Thursday in the month is Thanksgiving. When is it?

I'm inclosing a letter of appreciation that each man in the Division got. It's pretty nice, huh?

The boys over are sure hot about the 37th Division getting our boats and going home. It was announced a day before yesterday that they are en route home. The boys are burning the mails with letters to the Congressmen and big shots at home. Senator Taft of Ohio demanded of the War Dept. that the 37th Division, Ohio National Guard, be sent home immediately, and it was. Now, why haven't we a Senator to speak for us like that? Huh?

So we don't know how long we will be here. We might be here on January 1st, for all we know. No seem to care whether we leave or not. I'm disgusted with it all.

I saw a couple of good shows the other night. One was Humphrey Bogart and Laren Bacall in The Big Sleep; and the other was John Hodiak in A Bell for Adano. Have you seen them? They are best shows we have had around here in a long time.

That is about all for this time, so be good and I hope to see you soon. Went out and saw M Co beat Co L 6-2 this afternoon, in a very good game, instead of going to Toril. We have another double-feature show on tonight.

Love,

Harold

55T. H. L. BANK 204/6637
Co. M, 167TH INF, APC 31,
Camp P. M., S. F., CALIF.



VIA AIR MAIL

MR. & MRS. SAM BANK
MAJ. BERT BANK
MISS LOTTIE BANK
3018- 5TH ST.

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28TH MARCH
N.E.T.
5:10 P.M.

DEAREST MOTHER, DADDY, LOTIE & BERT:
WELL, TO-DAY IS THE DAY! I JUST
TOOK A SHOWER AND A SHAVE, AND THE
FOUR M.O.T.'S IN OUR COMPANY ARE ALL
READY TO GO TO THE SEDER THERE WILL
BE 700 BOYS THERE. WE EXPECT A BIG
MEAL. WE HAVE A NEW LT. FROM N.Y.
THAT IS GOING ALSO.

SO "GETTIN PASACH" TO YOU ALL,
AND I HOPE NEXT YEAR WE'RE ALL TO-
GETHER ONCE AGAIN. I CAN JUST SEE
ABOUT 10 PEOPLE AROUND THE TABLE,
THE FAMILY, PROBABLY ABE TEMERSON,
A COUPLE OF SOLDIERS, UNCLE JAKE, A
COUPLE OF BERT'S FRIENDS, OR MAYBE
UNCLE JOE AND AUNT BESS AND LYNN.

RIGHT? EVERYONE IS LAUGHING AT
DADDY'S JOKES, AND HE PASSES THE
BOTTLE OF SCHNAPPS AROUND, AND
ALSO THE WINE, WHICH I BET MOTHER
DIDN'T BOTHER TO MAKE THIS YEAR,
MOTHER JUMPS UP EVERY 5 MINUTES,
AND BERT SAYS "LET THE SHAKIE
GET IT!" EVERYONE RETIRES TO THE
LIVING ROOM FOR THE ANNUAL BULL-
SESSION, AFTER MOTHER FINISHES
SAYING "I WONDER WHAT HAROLD IS EATING
TO-NIGHT, TRAF, I BET." RIGHT? THEN
AT TEMPLE, WHERE MOTHER WENT ACTUALLY
WENT BECAUSE OF BERT, ALL EYES TURN
TO HIM WHEN HE WALKS IN. THEN
AFTER SERVICES, HE SHAKES MORE
HANDS THAN THE RABBI, AND SAYS

"THANK YOU, I'M SURE GLAD TO
BE HOME AGAIN" ABOUT TWO THOUSAND
TIMES. RIGHT? THEN EVERY ONE GOES
HOME EXCEPT BERT, AND HE SAYS
"I'VE GOT A DATE." BUT FOR ONCE
HE MIGHT GO HOME AND SLEEP
TILL 1:30 AM. RIGHT?

SO BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON.
I'M IN CLOSING MY INVITATION
FOR THE SEDER!

LOVE,
Harold

CO. M, 167 TH INF, APO. 3
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ARMY EXAMINER

22 MAR 45
N.E.I.

DEAR BERT:

THE LAST LETTER I RECEIVED FROM YOU WAS FROM THE SHIP GOING ACROSS IN OCTOBER 1941. SO I WILL AT THIS TIME ENDEAVOR TO ANSWER IT.

WELL, WHEN I LEFT YOU I WENT UP TO BALO, WHERE I WAS STAYING, AND SHAVED, BATHED, AND ATE. THEN I WENT TO A TRANSIT CAMP WHERE I STAYED 2 DAYS, AWAITING MY AIR TRAVEL ORDERS. I FLEW TO THE NEXT ISLAND, STAYED THERE 1 NIGHT, AND UNABLE TO GET A RIDE HERE, BECAUSE OF WEATHER I TOOK A RIDE TO P.T. WE DROVE DOWN HALF WAY THERE, AND HAD TO SPEND A NIGHT WITH THE NAVY. I SPENT TWO DAYS IN THE P.T., AND SAW LT. COL. BOB DAVIS AND CALLED COL. WILSON. YOU OUGHT TO WRITE BOB, AS LOUIE HAS THE ADDRESSES. BOB WAS SORRY HE MISSED YOU, AND GOT ME ON THE FIRST PLANE HERE. I WAS GONE 15 DAYS AND FLEW 5,000 MILES ON 2 B-25'S AND 5 C-47'S. WE LEFT THE PERIMETER AND ARE NOW FINISHING UP TWO WEEKS TRAINING. I HAD TO TELL OF MY TRIP SO MANY TIMES, I TYPED THE STORY ON 5 PAGES, AND LET EVERYONE READ IT. I SAW DOOLEY AND PETE ROSS, BITTNER, FROM UOP A, AND W.S. GREGORY, AND TOLD THEM ALL ABOUT IT. BOY, I AM THE MOST

- 2 -
POPULAR AND TALKED ABOUT MAN IN THE
OUT FIT. ALSO HAD A BIG BULL SESSION WITH
DISNEY. SAW ONE OF THE HARDIN BOYS TO-DAY,
THE FIRST SERGEANT. WENT TO SEE SQUARE
ADAMS, BUT HE HAS BEEN EVACUATED WITH
JUNGLE ROT. HE IS DOWN TO ABOUT 260 LBS.
NOW.

BERT, DON'T FORGET TO SEND ME A GOOD,
PREPARELY A RANSON WHIRLWIND, AS
SOON AS YOU CAN. RIGHT?
WENT OUT ON AN OVER-NIGHT BIVOUAC
LAST NIGHT, WITH A PROBLEM. IT RAINED ALL
NIGHT, JUST AS IT HAS THE PAST MONTH, AND
WE WALKED IN MUD AND CROSSED A RIVER
THAT WAS UP TO OUR WAIST, SWIFT, AND COLD
AS ICE. THEN WE WALKED THE 18 MILES
BACK TO CAMP, 9 A.M. TILL 2:40 P.M. BOY,
THAT WAS ROUGH AND HOT.

BING CROSBY IS PROGNOSING A WAY
NOW. HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOU'LL BE
IN NORTHINGTON? IT'S A BEAUTIFUL PLACE,
ISN'T IT? MARGARET ELLA FINNEL WAS WORKING
OUT THERE WHEN I WAS HOME IN DEC/43. DO
YOU GET TO GO HOME EVERYDAY AND NIGHT?
LET ME KNOW IF THE AMOUNT OF DADDY'S
CASH WAS RIGHT! REMEMBER I TOLD YOU
ABOUT YOUR ALLOTMENT OF \$125.00? WAS
I RIGHT ABOUT IT?

REMEMBER I TOLD YOU THEY WOULD
TAKE YOU TO WASHINGTON TO G-2 YOU?
WELL, THEY DID, LOTTIE SAYS. DID YOU FLY
THERE IN A P-51? WASN'T THE DOCTOR,

A MAJOR, THE ONE IN ³ YOUR CABIN THAT HAD
HIS BROTHER COME UP TO SEE HIM
NAMED HUBBARD? I READ OF YOUR RELEASE
IN FEB 12 TIME, AND IT MENTIONED HIM
AND KATZ, THAT YOU TOLD ME ABOUT.

A WAR DEPT. NEWS CORRESPONDENT
CAME BY TO INTERVIEW ME LAST WEEK,
AND I GRANTED HIM 30 MINUTES OF
MY TIME.

I HOPE YOU HAVE STARTED WORKING ON
YOUR BOOK, AND DON'T PUT IT OFF. DID YOU
SEE VES AND JENNY IN WASHINGTON?
THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, SO BE GOOD &
WRITE SOON!

Chick

P.S. MAZALTOV ON YOUR PROMOTION, AND HOPE
YOU GET ANOTHER SOON!

H.B.

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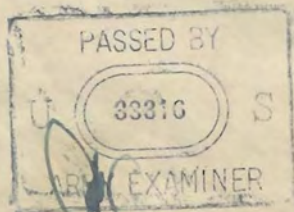
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29 APR 45
Y.I.

DEAR BERT:

WELL, EXACTLY 2 MONTHS AND
1 DAY AFTER I LEFT THESE
ISLANDS, I RETURNED, JUST
LIKE MACARTHUR AND I SAID
WE WOULD.

I RECEIVED MY FIRST MAIL
SINCE ARRIVING TO-DAY, AND IT
WAS A LETTER FROM YOU DATED
APR 16TH.

I STAYED ON THE SHIP A WEEK
WITH A DETAIL TO UNLOAD IT.
IT WAS A ROUGH AND HOT
JOB FOR THE MEN THAT DID
THE WORK, BUT I WAS IN CHARGE
AND ONLY SUPERVISED.

I WENT TO A SHOW TONIGHT,
BUT HAD ALREADY SEEN IT. IT
SHOWED OUR LANDING AT OUR LAST
ISLAND STATION AND I SAW

3-
I RUN ACROSS THAT "PLEAS-
SURE RESORT" THAT YOU SPENT
YOUR TWO "HAPPY" YEARS. SO
IF THERE'S ANY SPECIAL
SIGNS YOU WANT ME TO SEE,
LET ME KNOW. I CAN

I PRESUME YOU HAVE
READ THE NEWS AROUND
THIS DATE. I AGREE WITH
REESE IN THAT YOU SHOULD
TAKE A DISCHARGE AND
RUN FOR AN OFFICE. NOW
IS THE TIME TO START

A LAW PRACTICE, NOT AFTER
THE WAR WHEN IT WILL
BE A BOUTH GRING!
AND ABOUT THE HOUSE,
DON'T BUY A TWO-STORY

2-2-
THAT IN HOLLANDIA WHEN I
WENT TO SEE YOU.
SURE GLAD YOU FINISHED
YOUR BOOK, AND HOPE YOU PUT
EVERYTHING IN IT.

BOY, THIS IS A HOT
AND DUSTY COUNTRY. THE
FILIPINOS ARE VERY FRIENDLY
AND GIVE US A LOT OF
STUFF. WHAT PANE UP TO
OUR PRESENT AREA AND
WHAT MUST LOOK LIKE THE
BURMA THROUGH THE
MOUNTAINS.

THERE WERE MANY
FILIPINOS AT THE
SHOW TO NIGHT, AND YOU
SHOULD HAVE HEARD THEM
TALK AT EACH LITTLE SCENE.
BERT NOW THAT I AM
ON THE PT, MAYBE SOMEDAY

- 4 -
HOUSE, BE CAUSE IT'S TOO
HARD ON MOTHER.

BERD, I KNOW YOU HAVE PLENTY
MONEY NOW, BUT, BUDDY, DON'T FOR-
GET HOW HARD YOU WORKED FOR
IT AND HOW LONG! DON'T FOR-
GET HOW EASY IT IS TO GET
RID OF IT, AND HOW HARD
TO GET MORE OF IT. DON'T SPEND
IT ALL NOW! WAIT TILL PEACE

AND INVEST IT RIGHT!
AND IN REGARD TO ALL THOSE
PEOPLE INQUIRING ABOUT THEIR
RELATIVES, I SUPPOSE YOU
TELL THEM ALL YOU KNOW THIR
SON, HE IS IN GOOD HEALTH,
AND WILL BE HOME SOON, JUST
LIKE THEY USED TO TELL US
ABOUT YOU! RIGHT?
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

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EXAMINER

TMS

1 JUNE 25
P.F.

DEAR BERT:

YESTERDAY WE RECEIVED MAIL FOR ACHANGE
AND I GOT 3 FROM YOU, AND TWO FROM LOTTIE
AND 1 FROM HARRY BERMAN. SURE GLAD TO HEAR FROM
YOU ONCE AGAIN.

SINCE I LAST WROTE YOU THIS BN. HAS BEEN
THROUGH THE GRILL. DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY

WE FINALLY

THE BEACH

RIVER.

THE DAY WE MADE IT
HAD ONE CO. C.O. AND OUR BN. C.O. I BELIEVED.
WHEN OUR OLD BN. C.O. CAME BACK TO LEAD US
THRU, WE ALL SAID WE WOULD BE AT THE
RIVER THAT NIGHT! AND WE WERE! BOY, IT'S
WONDERFUL HOW AN OUTFIT CAN FIGHT WHEN
EVERY ONE HAS CONFIDENCE IN THE C.O.
RIGHT? BOY, HE RULES WITH AN IRON
HAND.

THERE WERE TIMES COMING UP THIS

2
TRAIL THAT I THOUGHT YOU WOULD HAVE TO
CARRY ON THE "BANK" NAME ALONE. WE WERE
STOPPING ONCE FOR A BREAK WHEN ALL
HELL BROKE LOOSE, AND WE COULDN'T SEE
A THING. IT HAPPENED MANY TIMES, SNIPERS
TAKING SHOTS AT US. AND LET ME TELL
YOU NO GRASS GREW UNDER ME FROM
THE TIME THE FIRST SHOT FIRED AND
I HIT THE GROUND. SOMEHOW, ONCE I GOT
HIT OVER MY EYE WITH A HELMET, AND I

THOUGHT I WAS HIT FOR SURE, BUT I
MADE IT O.K., AND WE'RE NOW RESAING,
AND SWIMMING IN THE RIVER. P-47'S
DROP US FOOD AND EQUIPMENT.

LAST NIGHT I HAD TO STAND GUARD
3AM - 6AM AND IT'S ROUGH, NOT KNOWING IF
THERE ARE JAPS OUT THERE OR NOT.

BOY, I'M SURE GLAD THERE WEREN'T.

SO WE KILLED OUT MANY JAPS
AND SOME MORE OF THE P.I. ARE FREE.

BERT, THE HARDEST PART OF THIS WAR
IS SEEING YOUR BUDDIES GO DOWN, AND KNOWING
THEY WON'T BE BACK TO CELEBRATE WITH
THE LUCKY ONES AFTER THE WAR IS OVER. THAT'S
WHAT'S TROUGH, BUT I GUESS IT'S ALL IN
A WAR! RIGHT?
I'VE ONLY GOT 78 POINTS UP TO MAY
12TH, WITH ANOTHER 5 POSSIBLE SOON, AND
TWO PER MONTH STILL COMING IN. SO
I MIGHT GET HOME FOR XMAS YET!

YES, HERB GINSBERG'S FOLKS WERE
VERY NICE TO ME WHEN I WAS IN SHELBY
AND I WANT YOU TO HAVE HIM OVER TO DINNER
SOME TIMES. HIS OLD MAN IS A BIG SHOT
IN NATTIS BERG. WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH
HIM?

HERE'S A CLIPPING FROM YANK MAGAZINE.
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!
WHAT DID YOU EVER FIND OUT ABOUT THAT
\$125.00 ALLOTMENT YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T HAVE?
Chick

Sgt. H.L. BANK 20416637
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~~VIA~~ ~~AIR~~ ~~MAIL~~



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ARMY EXAMINER



AMERICAN RED CROSS

14 JUNE 45
P.F.

DEAR BERT:

TODAY I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF MAY 28TH FROM N.Y., AND SURE AM GLAD YOU HAD SUCH A NICE TIME. BE SURE AND TELL ME WHO, WHAT, AND WHICH BANDS YOU HEARD.

I WAS IN N.Y. 3 TIMES WHEN I WAS STATIONED IN CAMP PICKETT, VA. ONCE I STAYED AT THE LINCOLN, AND TWICE WITH NAT AT HIS HOME IN NEWARK, N.J. I TOOK HIM HOME WITH ME ONE WEEK-END.

WE'RE STILL OUT IN THE JUNGLE, AND HAVE STARTED BACK INTO ACTION A LITTLE.

FIVE BOYS HAVE ALREADY LEFT, AND ONE JUST GOT HIS ORDERS TO LEAVE, A COUPLE OF MONTHS. HIS CASE IS HE HAS TO GO HOME TO GET MARRIED. HE ONLY HAS 72 POINTS, HOWEVER.

A FLOCK OF WILD MONKEYS JUST CAME BY, SO I LET GEORGE, MY MONKEY, LOOSE TO GO PLAY WITH THEM. HE'LL BE BACK SHORTLY, AND I'LL TRY TO GET HIM TO DROP YOU A FEW LINES IN MONKEYNESE. O.K.?

AS MILTON, MINTY'S BROTHER, THE DOCTOR? I DON'T SEEM TO REMEMBER HIM. I KNOW BETTY LEVA FROM SELMA. WHAT'S



AMERICAN RED CROSS

SHE DOING THESE DAYS? WHERE IS HER BROTHER,
MARK, NOW?
THEY DROP US CLOTHES AND FOOD AND
AMMUNITION FROM THE PLANE'S STILL, AND THEY
FLY OVERHEAD ALL THE TIME. I JUST THREW
AWAY ONE OF THE PAIR OF FATIGUE PANTS
I BROUGHT OVER-SEAS WITH ME! SOME SERVICE,
HUH? I ALWAYS GET PLENTY CLOTHES BECAUSE
NO ONE CAN WEAR MY SIZE. YESTERDAY WE
GOT A LOT OF UNDERWEAR AND PANTS, SIZES
30 AND 40 ONLY. SO I GOT TWO PAIR.
YESTERDAY, WITH THE HELP OF OUR
TWO FILIPINOS WE HAVE WITH US, WE BUILT A
GRASS HUT FOR A C.P. LAST NIGHT IT
RAINED HARD AND LONG, AND THAT HUT DIDN'T
LEAK A DROP. IT'S WONDERFUL!
GOT A LONG LETTER FROM COUSIN PAE
AND ONE FROM MANUEL.
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!
Chick
P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD & COCO-COLA!
Chick

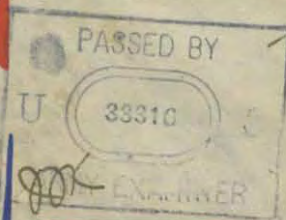
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AMERICAN RED CROSS

16 JUNE 45
P.I.

DEAR BERT:

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER TO-DAY FROM N.Y. DATED
MAY 31ST. I ALSO GOT 3 FROM LORIE AND ONE
FROM DADDY.

TO-DAY I DID NOTHING BUT READ NEARLY ALL
DAY. I READ A FEB. 26TH TIME AND A NEW YORKER
COMPLETELY THROUGH. LATE THIS AFTERNOON I WALKED
A MILE UP A HILL TO SEE IF MY DUFFEL
CAME IN. THEY DROPPED A LOT OF THEM TO-
DAY, BUT MINE WAS NOT AMONG THEM. MAYBE
IT WILL COME IN TO-MORROW. WE SHOULD BE
GETTING A FEW PACKAGES IN SOON. WE HAVEN'T
HAD ANY SINCE WE GOT TO THE PHILIPPINES.
BOY, I MUST HAVE A LOT ON THE WAY.

IS SARA HARRIS' HUSBAND IN THE ARMY? I
DIDN'T EVEN KNOW SHE WAS MARRIED. I WAS
GOING TO CALL HER, BUT DIDN'T KNOW HER
ADDRESS WHEN I WAS IN NEW YORK.

AUNT ANNIE HAS A NICE STORE, HASN'T SHE.
I'LL BET THEY ARE DOING A NICE BUSINESS NOW.
WHEN I WAS THERE I STAYED WITH MARY AND
SAM WAS RUNNING THE STORE WHILE MARY WORKED



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IN A DEFENSE PLANT. DOES HE STILL WORK
THERE? I WAS THERE DURING THE HOLIDAYS,
WENT TO TEMPLE WITH AUNT ANNIE, AND BOY SHE
BAKED SOME OF THE BEST BREAD AND SWEET
ROLLS I EVER TASTED. SHE CAN REALLY COOK.

WHERE IN THE DEVIL DID YOU EVER FIND
SO MANY BLIND DATES? WHO GOT THEM FOR YOU?
I DON'T LIKE THEM BECAUSE I ALWAYS
GET STUCK. RIGHT? DID YOU SEE THE STAN
"OKLAHOMA" IN N.Y.? IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE
"YOPS"!

I AGREE WITH YOU ON THESE NEW YORK
GIRLS. THEY THINK THEY KNOW EVERYTHING, AND
THINK PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH ARE SO CRUDE.
WE HAVE HORNS ON OUR HEAD! RIGHT? I
GUESS MOLLIE MERCER WAS THE NICEST YANKEE
GIRL I EVER SAW!

I HAVE MORE TIME NOW, AND HAVE BEEN
WRITING HOME EVERYDAY. BE GOOD AND WRITE
SOON!

Chick

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD! HARRY LIPSON IS
IN TEXAS AT A 8-WEEK SCHOOL, LINK TRAINER!
IS SARA HARRIS' FROM SWITZERLAND?
H.

~~ATTN~~
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19 JUNE 45
MINDANAO, P.F.

DEAR BERT:

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER TO-DAY WRITTEN JUNE 24,
THE DAY YOU RETURNED FROM N.Y. YOU DIDN'T MENTION
A SINGLE BAND NOR NIGHT CLUB YOU SAW. WAS ARLINE
JUDGE IN YOUR PARTY THAT NIGHT?

TO-DAY IS JUST ANOTHER CLOUDY DAY OF READING.
I STARTED TO GO TO A SHOW LAST NIGHT, BUT WE HAD
ONE OF THOSE BLOWING, HARD RAIN.

I LIKE THE IDEA OF DADDY MANUFACTURING
HARNESS, BUT CAN HE GET ENOUGH MACHINERY AND
LEATHER NOW. MAYBE HE CAN GET A GOVERNMENT

CONTRACT AND GET PRIORITIES! RIGHT? IF HE DOES,
IS HE GOING TO SELL THE STORE? ITS A MIGHTY
GOOD BUSINESS TO BE SELLING!

ISN'T TOM TODD IN THE ARMY? BERT, IF
THIS TODD-COLEMAN-BRANSCOMB RADIO DEAL GOES

THROUGH, WILL YOU GET A PART INTEREST IN IT?
OR WILL YOU JUST WORK FOR THEM FOR NOT MUCH?
YOU OUGHT TO OWN PART OF IT! WHERE DOES BRUCE
SHELTON COME IN? IS HE IN IN THE DEAL TOO?

HE IS A GOOD MAN TO HAVE AROUND!
IS THE MAN DADDY PLANS ON MAKING HIS
HARNESS MC LENDON FROM ATHENS? I KNOW HIM.

ANOTHER THING, WHY DOES DADDY WANT CHESTER IN
ON THE DEAL. BOY, I SURE HATE TO SEE DADDY
SELL THE STORE! I WANTED TO OPEN A PAWN



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STOP AND HARDWARE STORE NEXT DOOR!
I WAS JUST LIEING HERE LOOKING AT
THE MONKEY OUT IN THE TREE PLAYING AROUND.
HE SURE IS CUTE!
DID DADDY BUY ANOTHER POLICY BESIDES
THE ONE YOU GAVE HIM FROM MAMUEL?
I HAVE TWO BAND LOVERS IN MY HOUSE
AND EVERYNIGHT WE TALK BANDS AND MUSIC, I MISS
TATING NEARLY EVERYONE. WE REALLY HAVE SOME
GOOD JAZZ SESSIONS, ESPECIALLY AFTER I STOP
READING AT 10 P.M.
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!
Chink

P.S. PLEASE READ IN READER'S DIGEST MAY/ES
THE ARTICLE: "THE VETERAN BETRAYED."
IF THIS IS TRUE, IT'S HORRIBLE.
H.

P.S.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME FOOD!
H.

Print the complete address in plain block letters in the panel below, and your return address in the panel provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

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[Sender's name]

[Sender's address]

[Date]

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Time 2, 1943

Dear Bert:

Well, hot-buddy, here I am writing you again. Everything is well and happy at home. I was home 3 weeks ago, and everything is swell. Mother and Daddy are fine, and thinking of you every hour and day. Daddy says he is going to fix you up a beautiful law office when you get back. I have a new portable typewriter and it don't work as good as your little Remington works. Daddy still has that little typewriter, and he put a new handle on it. Boy, he has that little store so full of junk, that you can hardly wald in it. He is using the half of the store next door as a storeroom. Corcle Moody was home last week, and he has a baby. He's down around Miami now.

Heard from Emma last week, and she is fine. She sure is anxious to hear about you. I am working pretty hard these days, and lost 13 pounds in the last 3 weeks because of a diet I'm on. I came from 211 to 198. I am still losing too. Lottie still has her job in B'ham, and really has a good onenow. Jimmie Cooper got hurt but is alright now. Buddy Block, Aunt Annie's grandson, is about 200 miles from here, but I haven't been able to see him as yet. Nelson is in California. Rosalie Kriech got married in Jan. in Texas., and not to me, darn it. I am glad she got what she wanted, a rich Lt.

That's about all for now, so try and let us hear from you real soon.

Love,

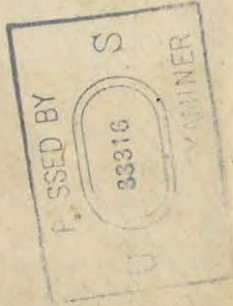
Harold

V...-MAIL

Sgt. ALBANK 20416637
Co. M, 165 INF, APO 31,
Albany, S.F., CALIF.



MAY. BENT BANK
308-5TH ST.
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
U.S.A.



14 July 45
P.T.

DEAR BERT:

WELL, I HAVE SOME NEWS TO-DAY
I WANT TO DISCUSS WITH YOU. IT'S ABOUT
TEMPORARY DUTY IN THE STATES. I AM
NOW ELIGIBLE FOR IT, I CAN PUT
MY APPLICATION ON TAKE 17TH OF
EACH MONTH. IF I TAKE THE 45
DAY FURLOUGH PLUS ALL TRAVEL
TIME, WHICH AMOUNTS TO ABOUT
4 MONTHS AWAY FROM HERE, I
HAVE TO SIGN UP FOR 12 MONTHS
MORE SERVICE OVER HERE STARTING
WHEN I RETURN. THAT'S WHAT
I DON'T LIKE ABOUT THE WHOLE
THING. IF I COULD FIND ANY
WAY TO STAY IN THE STATES
AFTERWARD I WOULD DO SO.
SO PLEASE INVESTIGATE AND FIND
OUT WHAT YOU CAN, AND LET
ME KNOW WHAT TO DO REGARD
AWAY.

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TO-DAY IS SATURDAY, SOTO-
MORROW, AS IN ALL GARRISON,
WE ARE OFF. MONDAY WE START
MEETING ALL FORMATIONS BY A
BUGLE CALL. WE WILL, HOWEVER,
WORK ON OUR NEW AREA UNTIL
IT IS FINISHED. PRACTICALLY ALL
OF OUR PROGRAM WILL BE SPARS.
WE NOW HAVE BUILT 1 HARBOR
DIAMOND, 3 SOFT BALL COURSES, 1
AND 8 VOLLEY BALL AT
HAVEN'T PLAYED ANY BALL AT
ALL SINCE I LEFT HOME,
BUT AM REALLY GOING TO
WORK HARD AND GET IN
CONDITION FOR SOFT BALL, AND
TRY TO MAKE OUR BV. TEAM.
I ONLY HOPE I CAN STILL
HIT THAT SOFT BALL.
THAT'S ABOUT ALL FOR
NOW, EXCEPT GEORGE TORE MY
HOUSE DOWN TO-DAY, THE LITTLE

MAZIE.

BERT, IF YOU KNOW OF
ANYWAY I CAN STAY IN THE
STATES, WITH A LARGE PULL,
PLEASE, ADVISE ME.
BE GOOD & WRITE SOON!

P.S. PLEASE SEND ME SOME
FOOD!

Handed

Chick

21 Aug 45
P.T.
MINOANAO

DEAR BERT:

I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM YOU IN QUITE
A FEW DAYS, SO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU
HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED OR NOT. I READ
AN ARTICLE IN THE JULY READER'S DIGEST,
"THEY SEE WITHOUT EYES", AND AM GUESSING THAT
YOU ARE THERE. LONNIE DIDN'T TELL ME YOU HAVE
BEEN TRANSFERRED YET. SO LET ME KNOW IF
YOU GET THIS.

BOY, IT RAINED LAST NIGHT, BUT HARD.
I THOUGHT IT WAS A RIVER RUNNING THROUGH
MY TENT.

WE WERE SUPPOSED TO LEAVE YESTERDAY ON
A 7 DAY MOTOR MOVE, BUT THE RAIN WASHED
THE BRIDGES OUT. SO MAYBE WE WILL BE ABLE
TO LEAVE TOMORROW. WE HAVE BUILT UP A

STOCKPILE HERE, AND ARE GOING TO BUILD ANOTHER
WHERE WE ARE GOING. I WISH THEY WOULD

PUT ME IN CHARGE OF THEM. REMEMBER
WHAT ^{THAT} OLD CAPTAIN, MAC, ON THE SHIP WITH YOU
AT HOLLANDIA, TOLD ME? HE SAID "I'D SAVE
THE GOVERNMENT MONEY." RIGHT?

I PLAYED TWO SOFT BALL GAMES YESTERDAY.
WE WON 9-5, AND THEN BEAT THE COMPANY'S
FIRST TEAM 13-2. I PLAYED 2ND BASE, NO ERRORS,
HIT 1 FOR 3 AND 1 FOR 4, AND SCORED 2 RUNS.
THEY PLAYED THIS MORNING, BUT IT WAS TOO
MUDDY, SO I DIDN'T GO OUT. I FINISHED
READING A MAGAZINE.

MRS. MOSE TENDERSON SENT ME A SUB-
SCRIPTION TO READER'S DIGEST. WASN'T THAT
NICE OF HER?

MAE ARTHUR ANNOUNCED TO-DAY THAT
THE ARMISTICE WOULD BE SIGNED ~~INTO~~
IN 10 DAYS. OCCUPATION WOULD THEN START.
IT SEEMS TO ME HE IS JUST WASTING
TIME. DON'T YOU THINK SO?

THERE ARE ONLY 2 BOYS IN THE COM-
PANY WITH MORE POINTS THAN I HAVE, 79 AND
84. SO ACCORDING TO AGE, I'LL BE THE 3RD
TO GET OUT IN "M" COMPANY. AS ALL OUTFITS
MUST BE LIKE THIS, IT LOOKS LIKE THE CRITICAL
SCORE WILL HAVE TO BE LOWERED. I OUGHT
TO BE OUT OF HERE IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS.
BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

P.S. CAN YOU GET ANY 120 FILM? ^{think}

P.S. I HAD ALREADY MAILED THIS, BUT NOT
ONLY DID I RECEIVE YOUR LETTER DATED

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AUGUST 9TH, THE DAY WE HEARD OF JAPAN'S
DESIRE TO SURRENDER, BUT THE BEST NEWS
IS I WAS PLACED ON DS WITH DIV.
MP COMPANY WITH DY WITH CARGO CON-
TROL OFFICER, AND ATTACHED TO AN
AAA(AW)BN FOR RATIONS AND QUARTERS. NAT
REINFELD FIXED IT UP FOR ME, I KNOW,
AND I'LL BE WITH HIM. HE'S THE BEST
FRIEND I EVER HAD. IT'S REALLY A
BREAK, AND I WON'T HAVE TO TAKE THAT
7 DAY TRUCK TRIP WITH THE COMPANY.
THE ORDER WAS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 6TH,
BUT IT JUST ARRIVED. I GUESS ITS CLERICAL
WORK I'LL LET YOU KNOW THE DETAILS
LATER.

Chick

NOV 11 1945
SGT. H.L. BANK, WRE...
CO. M, 167 INF, APO 31,
40 P.M., S.F., CALIF.



AIRMAIL

MAT. BEAT BANK
VALLEY Forge GEN. HOSP.
P HONNIXVILLE, PENNA.
U.S.A.

Tricolored Alabama 10/27/45/2

23 August 1945

Dear Bert:

Well, here I sit at my new job, doing nothing. I am a clerk with 2 other boys in the Cargo control office. As there are not many boats coming in these days, there is not much to do. I just did a little, very little, typing today, and that is all. I just sit around and write letters or read or shoot the bull all day long. S/Sgt Garvis Barnett, who used to work with Katz in Tuscaloosa, is hanging around here today. He is Col. Hardenburg's boy, and does a lot of nothing. He is well taken care of by the Colonel, who is G-3 now of the Division.

I guess the mail situation up here will be nil, as the outfit is moving a long way off, and it will take a long time for the mail to be sent to me. But I will keep on writing. Lt. Bill Seale, who used to live across the street from us, is down here at the Port Company. The boy that got me this job is one of the best and longest friends I have had in the Army. He and I used to be clerks together since 1941. He got a job up here, and found that this outfit needed another clerk, and got me put on an order from Division, without my even knowing. I saw him a couple of weeks ago when I came up here to Bugo for a load of pineapples, and told him that I wanted to get a job with him. He is a Croatian boy, from Pittsburgh, and a hellava nice fellow. We have certainly had some swell times together since we got together in 1941.

Yesterday's news said that MacArthur will arrive in Tokyo on August 26th, and the armistice will be signed right after that. I think that Mac is just fooling around, and should get on the ball, and get this thing signed and sealed. Right?

Up here I sleep in a two man tent with a boy from Tennessee, who drives a truck and keeps it all of the time. I have a shelf over my bed, to keep the junk I have acquired. We have electric lights, and a Filipino washwoman, and a boy to clean my tent up every morning. George, the monkey, likes his new home and assignment, but felt slighted when they did n't put his name, rank, and ASN on a special order transferring him up here with me. So I consoled him, and told him that I would fix it up with the General. He now feels better. We eat with the AAA Battalion, and they sure do feed swell. They had a show last night, but I had seen it, so just shot bull and ate PX supplies with Nat. Nat Reinfield is clerk for the Division's investigating officer, and fools around the PX on his off-time, so gets plenty of supplies. I bought me a beautiful bracelet and Eversharp pen the other day. There is a professional engraver here in the QM, so He is putting my name on the front, and Mother & Dad on the back, because they bought it for me.

How long do you think you will be there at Avon. It was an interesting article in July Reader's Digest about that school. You ought to read it. It's hard to believe some of the things that they do for the boys there. I got kickout of your letter describing some

of the antics of the blind boys. It really makes me feel bad to hear of the condition of the fellows, but thankful that they feel that they are not a burden on society, and have not lost their spirit and hopes for a bright future. It really takes more guts to feel like they do, than it takes to walk into a Jap machinegun. Right?

This Sergeant I work with was in the AirCorps Administration for 3 years, and last fall got transferred to the Infantry. It is sure a big letdown, isn't it? There are a lot of them over here now.

This morning I rode a LCVP out to a ship in the harbor to get some information. Everything that goes in and out of this harbor passes over our desk, and when the ships come in, there is a lot of work to do. I have a lot to learn about this kind of work. During my 2½ years of company clerking I never handled anything of this sort.

I am expecting the points to be lowered to 75 any day now, and hope to be walking down Broad Street by Xmas, if not before that.

Begood and write soon.

Chink

P.S. NOTICE NEW ADDRESS!

A.

OCT. 14/45

P.S.S. THESE TWO LETTERS CAME BACK. WE'RE
LOADING ON THE BOATS OCT. 20. WRITE
ME AT HOME NEXT! I HAVE WOOLW
AND AM READY TO MOVE OUT. JUST
ALABAMA WON THE 3RD STRAIGHT
GAME, BEATING HOWARD ABOUT 40-0.

Chink



"I bought me a beautiful bracelet and Eversharp pen the other day. There is a professional engraver here, so he is putting my name on the front, and Mother & Dad on the back, because they bought it for me."



Sargent Harold Bank
to Major Bert Bank
August 23, 1945

Sgt. H. L. Bank - 2046637
Cargo Control Office
APO 31, 40 PM, S.F. CALIF.



AIRMAIL

Maj. Bert Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, ALA.
U.S.A.

JPW

30 Aug 45

Dear Bert:

Well, as usual, no mail again this week. I bet I'll have a bunch when it does catch up with me. I sure do miss the news from home. Daddy writes me everything that happens there, just like a paper, and Lottie just shoots a little bull, and that is all.

Yesterday was my day off, so I just loafed around all day. I fixed up a few things around my tent, bummed a socket and bulb from the Red Cross man, took a nap, and took George swimming in the afternoon. There are a few other monkeys around the area, and nearly every afternoon I take him out to play with them.

It is hot as the devil today, and nothing to do in the office here. I have been reading Ernie Pyle's Brave Men all morning, and it is wonderful. You ought to read it at the first opportunity. He was really a great writer. I bet you never heard of him until you got home, did you?

Boy, you have never seen such blackmarket as you do up here where I am. I am right next door to the Provost Marshal, who is Major E. B. Peobles, who married Lee Baldwin, and a darn nice fellow, and they bring in soldiers and Filipinos all day long with stuff. They caught one Filipino with a boat load of GI clothes and equipment he had bought from GI's. One Filipino had a cafe and had 3 new refrigerators he had bought from the Quartermaster. You ought to see the confiscated equipment they have over in the MP building. Reinfeld is working over there now assorting out the stuff, and he showed it to me today at dinner hour. It is really supprising. Boy, are they going to stick it to those soldiers. I sure would hate to be in their shoes. And are they strict on the off limits areas here! It costs a soldier \$10.00 every time they caught in an off limits place, and a courts-martial after a few times. Practically all of the little villages and towns are off limits around here.

There are not many ships coming in to this bay now. I guess they are all bypassing us to go farther North these days. We are getting a beer and cigarette issue on the first of the month. We get a case of beer for 4 pesos, and we don't get smokes issued free anymore. We get 2 cartons for 2 pesos every 2 weeks. I don't mind paying if we can only buy them when we need them. It has been awfully hard to get pipe tobacco lately, and I have had to go out and bum some.

What is Dooley Deal doing now? Is he going to be discharged after his leave? Do you know any boys from home that have returned from ETO? It won't be long before a lot from overhere will be returning. We are just waiting for

MacArthur to give the word so they can have a recount of the points, and the critical score will be lowered to 80. I will have 86 points as of September 12th, the contemplated date of the big reaccounting. That is all we old men talk about nowadays, points, points, points, and occupation of Japan.

Out in the bay all day long I can see Filipinos in their little boats fishing. I sure would like to go out with one some day and go fishing. It sure does look good out there. Overhere a lot of fishing is done with TNT and hand grenades. When we were on an outpost on Rach Island off of Morotai for a month, we would go out in the native boats everyday and with a couple of charges of TNT we would get enough fish, and some 200 pounders too, to feed the whole detachment of 200 men. The natives would dive down to get the fish that didn't come to the top. They wear little diving glasses. I sent Daddy a pair of them from Morotai. Boy, we sure did eat fish in those days. I love it. How did you like the nice ebony walking sticks I sent Daddy. The native boy that worked for me and stayed with me made them for me. He sure is handy with a piso (Malayan for small knife). I am going to try and get him in the States after the war. He is a nice looking kid.

A couple of boats just came in, and everything around here is all astir. We have to send a teletype message, get the laborers and working crews out to unload it, fill out some forms, and whatnot.

That is about all for now, so be good and write soon.

Chris

GT. H. L. BANK, 2046637
P.O. M, 467 THE WFF, APO 31,
10 PM, S.F. CALIF.



AIRMAN
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MAJ. BERT BANK
ARMY STORE,
TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

26 OCT 45
Davao, P.I.

MR BERT;

I JUST GOT IN! I
WENT OUT WITH A DARN
NICE MAJOR, FROM GEORGIA,
TO-NIGHT, AND HAD A DARN
GOOD TIME. HE HAD A
QUART OF SEAGRAM'S 7,
AND IS A FA RESERVE
OFFICER TRANSFERRED IN
TO GO HOME WITH US.
OUR BOATS HAVEN'T COME
IN AS YET, AND WE DON'T
KNOW WHEN WE WILL LEAVE.
A STRONG LATRINE-O-GRAM
FROM STOOL NO. 4 SAYS
WE WILL LEAVE ON NOV.
15 TH. BUT I DON'T KNOW
WHEN IT WILL BE. I AM

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READY TO LEAVE NOW.

BOY, ITS HOT TO-NIGHT,
AND I'M FEELING WONDER-
FUL. I HAVE MORE SWEET-
MIRS THAN I KNOW WHAT
TO DO WITH. I HAVE A
JAP CARBINE, PISTOL, PAIR
OF BINOCULARS, FLAG,
KNEE MORTAR, MANY COINS
AND YENS, AND 4 BELLY
HARI-KARI BANDS, AND
3 WATCHES. I HAVE
A CLEARANCE ON IT
ALL, AND IT SURE IS
GOING TO WEIGHT ME
DOWN.

I AM TRYING TO GET

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MY DISCHARGE IN CALIF.
SO I CAN SPEND A
COUPLE OF WEEKS OUT
THERE. EITHER WISE THEY
WILL PUT US ALL ON A
TRAIN FROM THE BOAT,
AND I WON'T GET TO
SEE CALIFORNIA. WHAT
DO YOU THINK OF IT? I
THINK IT'S A DAMN
GOOD IDEA, BUT DON'T
KNOW AS YET IF I CAN
ARRANGE. AS BATTALION
SGT. MAJOR I HAVE
A LOT OF PULL AND
CAN DO MORE THAN OTHER-
WISE. A COLONEL GAVE
ME A PISTOL. YOU SEE.

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WHEN ALL OF THESE
JAPS SURRENDERED, ALL
JAP GUNS AND SABERS
HAD TO BE TURNED IN.
BUT A LOT WERE NOT
TURNED IN. THEN AFTER
THE COLONEL TOOK WHAT
HE WANTED, HE GAVE
THE OFFICERS THE REST
OF THE STUFF. SO THE
EM WERE LEFT OUT. BUT
ANOTHER COLONEL, FROM
B' HAM, IS A BUDDY OF
MINE, AND TOOK CARE
OF ME. HE'S A NICE
FELLOW.
"SQUARE" ADAMS IS
HOME NOW, AND SAYS HE

HE'S GOING TO RUN FOR
SHERIFF. BOY, HE'LL GET
MY VOTE. RIGHT?

WELL, WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO DO? GO ON THE
BOND TOUR? WHAT DID
THE FEE DO ABOUT YOUR
RADIO PERMIT? I SURE
HOPE YOU GET IT! WHY
DON'T YOU TRY TO GET OUT
OF THE ARMY AS SOON AS
IT'S APPROVED? SAY,

I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM
YOU IN 3 WEEKS. YOU
MUST BE HAVING A BIG
TIME IN CHICAGO! RIGHT?

BE GOOD AND I'LL SEE
YOU SOON!

Chick

Sgt. H.L. Bank, 20416637
Co M 167th Inf APO 31 % PM
S.F., Calif.



VIA AIR MAIL

Major Bert Bank
Army Store,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U.S.A.

1 Nov 45

Dear Bert:

I haven't heard from you in so long, that I don't know where you are now. I don't know if you went home from Chicago, or to Penn., or to Miami on the bond trip, or to Avon, Conn. Boy, you are sure doing some traveling nowadays.

I went to town, Davao, yesterday at 1 o'clock to get my watch fixed. I got back at 9:30 o'clock. I saw Ellis from home in town. He had just arrived from Parang on his ISM. I went by the ship to see the boys that I had ridden down with 3 weeks ago, and also saw George, monkey, down there. He sure was glad to see me.

We were supposed to leave here yesterday, but our boats didn't come in. No one seems to know when they will arrive. Some say we don't leave until the 25th of the month now. So I don't know when we will get to the States. I sure hope it is before Xmas, though. Right?

It is hot as the devil here now, and rains every night. I still haven't managed for a set of the pictures the PRO took up at the Davao Penal Colony. No one can ride up there now. I sure would like to fly up there, and might yet, if we stay here a little longer.

Our new Battalion Surgeon is Capt. Arthur Seale, from Moundville. I don't know him, but he went to the U of A back in 1928, and used to eat in our place.

There are 20,000 Japs in the stockade down here, and they are shipping them out everyday. They live in tents, and only a few have cots. There is one Jap civilian woman in there with her husband. They issue one package of pipe tobacco to every 6 men once a month. They put them in the holds of a ship without cots and they suffer in those hot holds, but not as much as you did. They couldn't find enough work for them to do, so ~~there~~ we have them cleaning the jungle out to make a ball field, two of them. And boy it is hot out there. If it was up to me I wouldn't even give them water when they work. Right?

I got my Jap watch fixed, and two others also, but the other two stopped running before I got home. I am going to try and go back this afternoon and get the Flip to look at it again, as I have already paid him. I got in the brown with a lot of the officers up here at Battalion Headquarters, doing them a lot of favors, that I didn't have to do as Sgt. Major, and one of them gave me a quart of Shenley's Reserve. I am going to save it until I get on the boat. He is a nice fellow from Galveston, Texas, and was at OCS the same time I was.

Boy, are we allgripping over here now. They are using Liberty ships to send the Japs to Jap an, and instead of converting them totake us home, they would rather see the Japs sent home first. We get a Daily P acifican paper, and you ought to read the hot letters of p rotest they, the men and officers, write in. The papers back home are headlining the news of so many troops that are being shipped home, and the truth is that only about a fourth of the number are really leaving here. Isure will be glad to leave this God-forsaken country of Flips. Right? I can't stand the smell of them and their towns.

We are having beat-up fried chicken angin tonight. I am getting of eating chicken every other day. Right?

Well, the Special Service just called and said we can buy either 7 cartons of cigarettes for 2 P or 1 box of cigars for 7 P. So I guess I will get two cartons today. It will probably be our last issue before we leave, I hope, I hope, I hope. The special service officer is a 1st Lt that played halfback for Dartmouth in 1936. He is a regular fellow, and a hot buddy of mine.

Be good and I'll see you soon.

Chin